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OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY



NATIONAL SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABILITY AND SDGs

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HOTEL TAJ MANSINGH, NEW DELHI

Executive Summary

Humanity has seen tremendous advancement over centuries and has successfully developed more comfortable and convenient spaces for itself, creating a “false sense of prosperity”, unaware of the danger hovering over our planet. For fulfilling the ever-growing demands of the ever-growing population, our planet has been through centuries of exploitation. The environment is degrading ceaselessly, resources are depleting rapidly, inequality is on a rise and economies are in a precarious state. Our ways of living and working are putting our future generations in grave peril. We must live and work responsibly to ensure safety, security and prosperity of future generations. The very recent pandemic must be considered as an eye opener showing us how unsustainable we are. A virus outbreak has affected all aspects of our lives and disrupted our socio-economic systems all around the world. There is an urgent need for us to adopt and follow sustainable practices throughout our activities to avoid such disasters in future.

Realizing the importance of sustainability, the United Nations established the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) in the year 2015 as part its agenda 2030. SDGs are a framework of 17 Global Goals, with 169 targets to be achieved by 2030. These goals are interlinked and have been designed to provide practical and effective solutions to the challenges threatening the existence, prosperity and harmony of the planet and its people. There are also indicators associated with the targets, for monitoring and measuring the implementation of these Goals. all member nations of the UN have agreed to adopt and implement the SDGs in order to eradicate poverty, mitigate climate change, protect the environment, reduce inequalities and ensure peace and justice for all. Governments of Nations across the Globe have been working progressively along with civil society, to meet the targets of these goals, but, it is also important to spread awareness among individuals and Organizations regarding the SDGs. People must comprehend the Goals completely and implement them through all their activities, to make the world a better place to live. Technology and innovation assisted by financial support is the key to sustainability and can surely make the SDGs a reality.

On this backdrop PHDCCI is presenting the 'National Summit on Sustainability and SDG' with the objectives appended below: -

OBJECTIVES

- To provide a leading platform for the stakeholders to interact and discuss the need and urgency to adopt sustainability and SDG's;
- To create awareness among various business owners, investors and other stakeholders through case study presentations to have a better understanding about the achievements, hurdles and probable solutions pertaining to sustainability and SDGs in Indian context
- To discuss the regulatory frameworks on the sustainability landscape for India and across the globe and also various initiatives taken by central, state governments and authorities in fostering sustainability;
- To help in developing a sentiment and sensitive approach amongst citizens, especially students, towards sustainability;
- To promote collaboration between different societal, environmental and economic players for facilitating sustainable development;
- To help in fostering innovative ideas for stakeholders through deliberations, experiences and ideas, by successful players and policy makers.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION

- Sustainability - the wider concept
 - Sustainability in India viz-a-viz countries leading in sustainability
 - Steps taken by central and state governments for archiving sustainability in India
 - 17 UN SDG's - a brief introduction
 - India's focus areas w.r.t. SDG's
 - SDGs and ESGs
 - Plan of action for achieving SDG's and sustainability – Indian context
- Success story of leading organisations working in the field of sustainability and SDGs
 - Challenges in achieving SDGs and what measures are taken by governments to combat such challenges
 - Sustainability reporting in India and other global reporting standards
 - Shifting Paradigm from Climate Mitigation to Climate Resilience
 - Renewable Energy Replacing Fossil Fuels

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Government Officials and Policy makers
 - Sustainability experts from Public sector undertakings (PSUs)
 - CSR Heads, CSR Committee Members
 - Compliance Managers
 - Civil Society Groups
 - CSR Consultants
 - Academicians and Researchers
- Industry Leaders
 - Associations
 - UN Agencies
 - Press & Media
 - NGO's
 - Regulators
 - Students

AGENDA

- 10 am – 11:30 am :** Key-note Session: Thought Leadership on Sustainability and SDGs
- 11:30 am – 1 pm :** Technical Session I: Shifting Paradigm from Climate Mitigation to Climate Resilience
- 2 pm – 3:30 pm :** Technical Session II: Renewable Energy Replacing Fossil Fuels

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