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CLIMATE CONCLAVE

FAITH OF KUMBH AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Sunday, 16th February, 2025

Sector 25, Mahakumbh Mela
Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh

Department of Environment Forest and
Climate Change, Uttar Pradesh



Painting depicting
Varaha by Raja Ravi
Varma, circa 1930



Agenda

Registration | 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

Inaugural Session | 10:30 AM – 11:35 AM

Welcome Address

Shri Anil Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Uttar Pradesh

Opening Address

Dr. Chandra Bhushan, President & CEO, International Forum for Environment, Sustainability & Technology (iFOREST)

Special Address

Swami Mukundananda ji, Founder, Jagadguru Kripalu Yog Trust

Shri Ricky Kej, Grammy Award-winning Music Composer, Environmentalist and United Nations Goodwill Ambassador

Keynote Speakers

Swami Chidanand Saraswati ji, President, Parmarth Niketan Ashram

Guest of Honour

Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, IAS, Chief Secretary, Uttar Pradesh

Shri Arun Kumar Saxena, Hon'ble State Minister (Independent Charge), Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Uttar Pradesh

Chief Guest

Shri Yogi Adityanath, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Uttar Pradesh

Media Briefing & Tea Break | 11:35 AM – 12:00 PM

Session 1: Role of Religious Leaders in Environmental Protection | 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM

Opening Address

Dr Sujata Roy Abhijat, Associate Professor, Delhi University

Keynote Address

Swami Mukundananda Ji, Founder, Jagadguru Kripalu Yog Trust

Distinguished Speakers

Ms Shalini Mehrotra, Zonal Coordinator, Heartfulness Institute, Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Smt Gauri Singh, Deputy Director General, International Renewable Energy Agency

Dr Arvind Kumar, Founder & Managing Trustee, Lung Care Foundation

Session 2: Sacred Rivers, Water Security & Climate Change | 12:45 PM – 1:30 PM

Opening Address

Dr Sachin S. Gunthe, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Madras

Keynote Address

Dr Rajendra Singh, Founder, Tarun Bharat Sangh (Waterman of India)

Distinguished Speakers

Sister Manorama, Senior Faculty Member, Brahma Kumaris

Professor Adarsh Pal Vig, Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board

Dr Sairam Bhat, Professor of Law, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru

Lunch Break | 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Session 3: Sustainable Religious Centers & Congregations | 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

Opening Address

Shri Anuj Kumar Jha, IAS, Secretary, Department of Urban Development, Uttar Pradesh

Keynote Address

Professor Chandramauli Upadhyay, Trustee, Shri Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Varanasi

Distinguished Speakers

Shri Navneet Mohan Kothari, Principal Secretary, EF&CC Department, Madhya Pradesh

Dr Maneesha V Ramesh, Provost, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham

Shri Anoop Nautiyal, Founder, Social Development Communities Foundation

Session 4: Role of Governments in Faith-Based Climate Action | 3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Keynote Address

Shri Aparimay Shyam Das, President, ISKCON Lucknow

Moderator

Shri Skand Vivek, Senior Editor, Dainik Jagran

Panel Discussion:

Shri Aboobacker Siddique P., IAS, Secretary, Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Jharkhand

Dr Anita Gupta, Head of Climate, Energy and Sustainable Technology (CEST) Division, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India

Shri Upendra Tripathi (Rtrd IAS), Former-Secretary, MNRE, Government of India

Session 5: Mission LiFE – Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles | 4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

Opening Address

Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)

Keynote Address

Swami Atmashradhananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Kanpur

Distinguished Speakers:

Shri RR Rashmi (Rtrd IAS), Distinguished Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

Shri Avinash Dhakne, IAS, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board

Shri Prashant Gargava, Director (NCAP), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India

Shri Nilachal Mishra, Partner and Head of Government & Public Services, KPMG India

Session 6: Religious Organizations in Climate Adaptation, Mitigation & Disaster Relief | 4:45 PM – 5:30 PM

Moderator

Shri Raju Nayak, Editor Director, Gomantak

Keynote Address

Shri Arun Subramanian, Representative, Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam

Panel Discussion

Shri Saurabh Kumar, India Head, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP)

Shri Rajendra Ratnoo, IAS, Executive Director, National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)

Shri Prabodh Acharya, Chief Sustainability Officer, JSW Group

Concluding Session | 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Concluding Address

Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh

Release of Sankalp Patra with all dignitaries

Vote of Thanks

Shri Sushant Sharma, IFS, Secretary, Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Uttar Pradesh

High Tea & Networking | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM



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