

CASCA'25

Climate Action & Sustainability Conference & Awards

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What to expect?

Conference Highlights: Innovations & Solutions for a Sustainable Future



Thought-Provoking
Sessions



Net Zero and
Decarbonization Solutions



Technology Innovation
for Climate Action



Circular Economy Practices
and Waste Management Solutions



Green Mobility and Sustainable
Infrastructure Models



Water Conservation and
Biodiversity Protection



AI and IoT Applications in
Climate Action



Renewable Energy and Sustainable
Industry Practices



Community Engagement
Practices for Sustainability



Green Jobs & Workforce Readiness
for a Sustainable Economy



Innovative Climate Financing
Models & Investment in
sustainability

Expected Attendees:

50+

Embassy Representatives

70+

Sustainability Leaders

100+

Climate Action Leaders

500+

Delegates

150+

NGOs

50+

Partners

Celebrating Excellence in Climate Action and Sustainability

The CASCA 2025 Awards recognize ground-breaking contributions and impactful initiatives in climate action and sustainability. With over 17 diverse award categories, the platform honors organizations, innovators, and leaders who are driving sustainable transformations, advancing technological innovations, and fostering ecological balance for a resilient future.

Key Highlights of the Awards

- **Broad Recognition:** Acknowledges achievements across 17+ categories, including Net Zero Action, Renewable Energy, and Sustainable Packaging.
- **No Nomination Fees:** Ensures inclusivity by offering 'ZERO FEE' nomination for all nominees.
- **Expert Jury Panel:** Evaluated by a distinguished jury comprising industry leaders, policymakers, and sustainability experts.
- **Transparency and Impact:** Assessment based on clear criteria, including measurable outcomes, scalability, and community engagement.
- **Reach & Visibility:** Award winners gain significant media coverage and visibility across TheCSRUniverse platforms.
- **Innovation at the Core:** Encourages pioneering ideas in climate tech, circular economy, and green practices.
- **Beyond Awards:** All nominees, irrespective of results, stand a chance to get featured in TheCSRUniverse Magazine and website.
- **Empowering Change:** Inspires stakeholders to adopt sustainable practices and collaborate for meaningful impact.

Who should attend?



Academia



Advisors/Mentors



Corporates



Global Organizations



Government



Media Agencies



Networking Organizations



NGOs



Philanthropists



Policy Makers



PSUs



Section 8 Companies



Social Startups



Social Incubators



Volunteers

Award Categories

The CASCA 2025 Awards recognize outstanding achievements across various areas of climate action and sustainability, celebrating innovation, leadership, and impact. Categories include:



Sustainable Product
Innovation



Green
Manufacturing



Sustainable
Supply Chain



Renewable
Energy



Water Conservation



Sustainable Building
Development



Community
Engagement for
Sustainability



Biodiversity
Conservation



Sustainable
Tourism



Sustainable
Infrastructure



Sustainable Mobility
Solutions (Land/Air/Water)



Net Zero Action



Sustainable
Packaging



Innovation in
Climate Tech



Waste Management and
Circular Economy



Sustainable
Farming Practices



Ocean Health and
Marine Life Conservation

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CASCA'25 Jury



Prof. Anil K. Gupta

CEO & PI, ICARS, IIT Roorkee
Gr. Noida Campus (NCR)



Prof. Anish Sugathan

Chair, Centre for Sustainability and
Corporate Governance,
IIM Ahmedabad



Dr. Anita Gupta

Head of Scientific Division, Climate
Energy & Sustainable Technology
(CEST), DST, Govt. of India



Dr. Charru Malhotra

Professor
(e-Governance and ICT), IIPA



Prof. Chetan Singh Solanki

Founder, Energy Swaraj Foundation;
Professor, IIT Bombay



Dr. Indu K Murthy

Sector Head - Climate, Environment
& Sustainability, CSTEP



Mr. Jagdish Bakan IFS

DFO, Hosur, Tamil Nadu



Mr. Jibin Thomas

Co-ordinator, M.S. Swaminathan
Research Foundation (MSSRF)



Dr. K K Upadhyay

Prof. & Chairperson, Sustainability
& CSR, BIMTECH



Dr. Kalachand Sain

Advisor, DST CoE for Climate
Information, IIT Delhi



Dr. Madhavan Nair Rajeevan

Vice-Chancellor, Atria University



Dr. Ram Sharma

Vice Chancellor, UPES



Ms. Shabnam Bassi

Deputy CEO & Secretary, GRIHA
Council, TERI



Mr. Subhash Chander Yadav, IFS

Conservator of Forest (Gurugram),
Department of Environment, Forest
and Wildlife, Haryana



Lt Gen Suresh Sharma

Former Engineer-in-Chief & Former
Director General, Border Roads,
Ministry of Defence



Dr. T.V. Ramachandra

Coordinator of Energy and Wetlands
Research Group, CES, IISc



Prof. Anil K. Gupta

CEO & PI, ICARS, IIT Roorkee Gr. Noida Campus (NCR)

Prof. Anil K. Gupta is a distinguished resilience, disaster risk reduction, and sustainability strategist with extensive expertise in climate adaptation, green growth, and circular economy. As CEO & PI of ICARS at IIT Roorkee and Director of Projects at NIDM, he has played a pivotal role in policy planning, capacity building, climate adaptation, industrial safety and international cooperation. With his deep understanding of disaster resilience and sustainability, Prof. Gupta brings invaluable expertise to the CASCA'25 jury, ensuring impactful recognition of climate action and sustainability initiatives.

Prof. Anish Sugathan

Chair, Centre for Sustainability and Corporate Governance, IIM Ahmedabad

Prof. Anish Sugathan is a renowned expert in corporate sustainability, governance, and institutional infrastructure in emerging economies. As Chair of the Centre for Sustainability and Corporate Governance at IIM Ahmedabad, he plays a key role in advancing ESG research and policy. Prof. Sugathan's extensive experience in sustainable finance, environmental impact assessment, and energy governance lends into his expertise as a CASCA'25 jury.



Dr. Anita Gupta,

Head of Scientific Division, Climate Energy & Sustainable Technology (CEST), DST, Govt. of India

Dr. Anita Gupta is a distinguished leader in India's clean energy and sustainable technology landscape. As the Head of the Climate, Energy & Sustainable Technologies (CEST) division at the Department of Science and Technology (DST), she plays a pivotal role in shaping national policies, fostering global partnerships, and driving innovation for India's clean energy transition. With over 28 years of experience, Dr. Gupta, who is an alumna of IIT Delhi & NIT Raipur, has significantly contributed to advancing research and technology development in areas such as hydrogen energy, solar power, smart grids, and carbon capture. Her expertise in clean energy and sustainability adds significant value to the CASCA'25 Jury Board.



Dr. Charru Malhotra

Professor (e-Governance and ICT), IIPA

Dr. Charru Malhotra is a distinguished expert in digital governance, public policy, and technology-driven transformation. As a Professor at IIPA and Lead Coordinator of the Centre of e-Governance, she has played a pivotal role in shaping India's digital landscape. Dr. Malhotra has extensive experience in smart cities, Digital India, and AI governance—an expertise she brings to the CASCA'25 jury board to ensure that the best sustainability and climate action initiatives get their due recognition.





Prof. Chetan Singh Solanki

Founder, Energy Swaraj Foundation; Professor, IIT Bombay

Prof. Chetan Singh Solanki, a solar energy visionary and founder of the Energy Swaraj Foundation, is dedicated to fostering energy self-reliance, energy sustainability, and climate action. As Professor at IIT Bombay and Brand Ambassador of Solar Energy for Madhya Pradesh, his mission-driven initiatives focus on solar technology awareness, policy advocacy, and decentralized energy solutions. His expertise strengthens the CASCA'25 jury and enables it to select initiatives that boast impactful contributions towards sustainability and clean energy.

Dr. Indu K Murthy

Sector Head - Climate, Environment & Sustainability, CSTEP

Dr. Indu K Murthy is a leading expert in climate resilience, GHG inventory, and sustainability. As the Principal Research Scientist at CSTEP, she has shaped climate policy and adaptation strategies in India. A contributing author to IPCC reports and an expert for UNFCCC, she has been instrumental in global climate assessments. Her extensive expertise in climate change mitigation and adaptation makes her a valuable member of the CASCA'25 jury.



Mr. Jagdish Bakan, IFS

DFO, Hosur, Tamil Nadu

Mr. Jagdish Bakan is an acclaimed conservationist and climate action leader, serving as Wildlife Warden & Director of the Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve Trust. A UNESCO Michel Batisse Awardee (2023) and UNEP Asia Environmental Enforcement Awardee (2023), he has been instrumental in protecting marine ecosystems, managing Ramsar sites, and fostering community-led climate resilience. His expertise in biodiversity conservation and sustainable ecosystem management brings immense value to the CASCA'25 jury.

Mr. Jibin Thomas

Co-ordinator, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF)

Mr. Jibin Thomas is a distinguished expert in water governance, environmental sustainability, and social innovation. As Co-ordinator at MSSRF, he has led transformative projects in water conservation, sustainable agriculture, and entrepreneurship. His contributions to securing FAO's GIAHS recognition and executing CSR-backed initiatives underscore his commitment to climate resilience. Mr. Thomas enriches the CASCA'25 jury with his expertise and ensures a keen eye for recognising impactful initiatives in sustainability and climate action.





Dr. K K Upadhyay

Prof. & Chairperson, Sustainability & CSR, BIMTECH

Dr. K K Upadhyay is a distinguished thought leader in CSR, sustainability, and social innovation. As the Chairperson of Sustainability & CSR at BIMTECH he is known to shape many impactful policies. With a diverse background spanning government, corporate, and academic sectors, he has pioneered transformative initiatives in rural development, public health, and sustainability. He brings this expertise to the CASCA'25 jury and enable the recognition of impactful climate initiative.

Dr. Kalachand Sain

Advisor, DST CoE for Climate Information, IIT Delhi

Dr. Kalachand Sain is a distinguished geophysicist and climate expert, specializing in seismic tomography, machine learning applications, and full-waveform inversion. As Advisor to the DST Centre of Excellence for Climate Information at IIT Delhi, he contributes to the impactful action in the areas of climate resilience and sustainability, an expertise he brings to the CASCA'25 jury as well.



Dr. Madhavan Nair Rajeevan

Vice Chancellor, Atria University

Dr. Madhavan Nair Rajeevan is a distinguished climate scientist and policymaker with expertise in weather forecasting, climate research, and ocean sciences. As Vice-Chancellor of Atria University and former Secretary, MoES, he has driven key initiatives like the Deep Ocean Mission. He lends his skills to the CASCA'25 jury, ensuring that the most impactful initiatives in climate action can be identified and promoted.

Dr. Ram Sharma

Vice Chancellor, UPES

Dr. Ram Sharma is a visionary academic leader driving transformation in higher education through innovation, internationalization, and sustainability. He has pioneered academic excellence and institutional growth as Vice Chancellor of UPES. His understanding of sustainability and climate action vis-à-vis the educational landscape makes him a valuable member of the CASCA'25 jury.





Ms. Shabnam Bassi

Deputy CEO & Secretary, GRIHA Council, TERI

Ms. Shabnam Bassi is a renowned expert in sustainable buildings and energy efficiency. As the Director of the Sustainable Buildings Division at TERI and Deputy CEO & Secretary of the GRIHA Council, she plays a pivotal role in driving sustainable development in India. She has been instrumental in shaping green building policies, advancing ECBC compliance, and collaborating with key institutions like UNDP and the Bureau of Energy Efficiency. Ms. Bassi's role in the CASCA'25 jury is invaluable and much needed given her extensive experience in the climate-responsive infrastructure.

Mr. Subhash Chander Yadav, IFS

Conservator of Forest (Gurugram), Department of Environment,
Forest and Wildlife, Haryana



Mr. Subhash Chander Yadav, IFS, is a dedicated forest conservator committed to environmental protection and sustainable forestry. He has lead conservation efforts in Gurugram, Haryana, and has played a crucial role in biodiversity preservation and afforestation in the region. He lends his excellent knowledge and experience to the CASCA'25 jury to look for and recognise initiatives with the most impact.



Lt. Gen. Suresh Sharma

Former Engineer-in-Chief & Former Director General, Border Roads,
Ministry of Defence

Lt. Gen. Suresh Sharma (Retd) is a distinguished military leader with 38 years of experience in strategic infrastructure development, policy formulation, and mega project execution. As the former Engineer-in-Chief of the Indian Army and Director General of Border Roads, he has led large-scale transformations in defence and national infrastructure. Lt. Gen. Sharma's expertise in technical leadership, contract management, and sustainable infrastructure makes him a valued member of the CASCA'25 jury.

Dr. T.V. Ramachandra

Coordinator of Energy and Wetlands Research Group, CES, IISc



Dr. T.V. Ramachandra is a leading expert in energy, wetlands, and ecological research, with extensive contributions to biodiversity conservation and sustainable energy solutions. A globally recognized scientist and policy advisor, Dr. Ramachandra plays a crucial role in advancing environmental sustainability. As a member of CASCA'25 jury, he brings his specialised knowledge and expertise to promote initiatives that are truly making an impact.

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Vice-Chancellor, Shiv Nadar
University, Delhi-NCR



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**Dr. Basuthkar
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Dr. Himanshu Rai
Director, IIM Indore



Dr. Kshemendra Kumar Upadhyay
Professor & Chairperson - Centre for
Sustainability & CSR, Birla Institute of
Management Technology (BIMTECH)



Dr. Meenakshi Davar
Independent Consultant, Former
Director, Human Resources,
Power System Operation
Corporation Limited



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Vice Chancellor, West Bengal
National University of Juridical
Sciences (WBNUJS), Kolkata



Mr. Nixon Joseph
CEO, CLT India (Children's
Love Castle Trust),
Ambassador, Fit India Mission



Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani
Director, IIM Raipur



Dr. Rina Kashyap
Chair, Department of Political
Science, Lady Shri Ram College
for Women



Mr. Sanjay Sethi
Human Utilization Advisor,
South Asia, U.S. Soybean Export
Council (USSEC)



Prof. Sanjay Srivastava
Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi
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Dr. Sanjeev Bansal
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Inclusive Education, Dr. Shakuntala
Misra National Rehabilitation
University, Lucknow



Fr. Sebastian George
Director, XLRI,
Jamshedpur



Ms. Shabnam Bassi
Director, Sustainable Buildings Division,
TERI and Deputy CEO-Cum-Secretary &
Treasurer, GRIHA Council



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Dr. Umakant Dash
Director, IRMA

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SICA'24 Speakers



Mr. Dinesh Sharma
Hon'ble Member of Parliament,
Rajya Sabha; Former Deputy
Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh



Dr. Payal Kanodia
Chairperson, Young FICCI Ladies
Organization (YFLO, Delhi)



Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee
Chief Executive Officer,
Anil Agarwal Foundation



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Chairperson, Spark
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Smt. Kamaljeet Sehwari
Honourable Member of Parliament,
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Mr. Ashok K Gupta
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Ms Sapna Bhawnani
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Chief Inspiration Officer,
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Mr. Parminder Gill
Co-founder & Head of Foundation,
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Ms. Anupam Nidhi
Head - Group CSR,
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Mr. Srikrishna Balachandran
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T.V. Aishwarya
Co-Founder & Product Lead,
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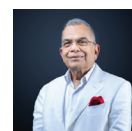
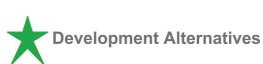
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Winners from Previous Award Editions



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