

National Climate Conclave - 2023



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Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath on **Monday - APRIL 10, 2023** inaugurated the **Two-Day National Climate Conclave-2023** in Uttar Pradesh's Lucknow.

While inaugurating the two-day National Climate Conclave-2023 organized at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, the Chief Minister said, *"We are all aware of how environmentally friendly Indian tradition has always been. According to a hymn from the Atharva Veda, we are all the sons of the earth, so we should all feel connected to it. There is no need to tell what a son's duty towards his mother is."*

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Labour and Employment Shri Bhupender Yadav has said India is not only leading on the domestic front but also setting up examples internationally by launching various International Alliances such as International Solar Alliance (ISA), Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) and Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) for combating climate change.



Addressing the inaugural session of the National Climate Conclave 2023 in Lucknow-Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yadav outlined various initiatives India has undertaken in the climate arena, focusing on green growth in the *Union Budget 2023-24*.

He acknowledged **Green Climate Fund (GCF) Team** for their presence in this Conclave and requested all participants to gain a deeper understanding of the GCF modalities and to develop concrete climate projects. He also emphasized the importance of engaging youth positively and proactively on climate change issues to encourage sustainable lifestyles.



Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath stated that for ages, conservation and management practices have been a part of the cultural ethos of India, which encourages compassion and co-existence and highlighted that climate change is the biggest challenge today and its effect is also being seen in the UP state. In the midst of these challenges, we also have to find a way out, he added further. He also highlighted many successful projects being implemented by the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Ms. Leena Nandan, Environment Secretary highlighted that climate finance's scope, scale and speed have to increase considerably. As an emerging developing economy with ambitious climate plans in place, there are opportunities at various levels including at community level. She said we expect that GCF also responds in a commensurate way to our readiness for climate actions.

Dr. Arun Kumar Saxena, Minister of State, Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh and **Ms. Carolina Fuentes**, Director, Green Climate Fund were also present on the occasion.

This Conclave is part of an ongoing effort to accelerate climate action along the lines of enhanced climate action announced by the **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** at COP-26. This conclave is also designed to create greater awareness on “**LiFE – Lifestyle for Environment**”.



The *objective* was to bring officials from States/UTs of India under one roof to focus on the challenges/issues in climate arena and explore innovative solutions at the local level along with creating a vibrant network of stakeholders who will continue to engage with each other on cross-cutting themes such as risk governance, technologies and innovation as well as domestic and international climate finance.

Mamta Sanjeev Dubey, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Department, U.P. thanked all the visitors. In the first technical session, a panel discussion on Policy Framework for Localizing Climate Action, Status and Way Forward was chaired by **Leena Nandan**, Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. **Nirabh Kumar Prasad**, Special Chief Secretary, Environment Forest, Science & Technology Andhra Pradesh; **Manoj Singh**, Additional Chief Secretary, Environment

Forest and Climate Change Department, U.P.; *Manoj Pingua*, Principal Secretary, Forest and Climate Change Chhattisgarh; *Ajay Prakash*, Director, Gujarat Energy Development Agency; *Neelam Meena*, Principal Secretary & Director, IESWM, West Bengal, *Sunil Pamidi*, Directorate of Environment Forest & Climate Change, Kerala, *Prof. C. Achalender*, Chairman National Biodiversity Authority; *Prof. Farah Zaheer*, Senior Economist, World Bank and *Dr. Shailendra Dwivedi*, Director, Climate Change and Circular Economy, GIZ participated in the discussion and expressed their views on various topics. *Dr. Anjal Prakash*, Associate Professor (Research) and Director of Research, Bharti Institute of Public Policy, Indian School of Business moderated the session.



Second and third technical sessions respectively: Panel Discussion on Unlocking Opportunities with Green Climate Fund and Panel Discussion on Potential Prospects for Green Climate Fund.

The meeting was presided over by *Avnish Kumar Awasthi*, Advisor to Chief Minister and Dr. KV Raju, Economic Advisor, Government of Uttar Pradesh respectively.

In the second technical session *Mayuresh Patange*, Financial Institution Manager Green Climate Fund; *Dr. RK Singh*, CGM & Vertical Head SIDBI; *Dr. Arun Kumar Pandey*,

Member Secretary, Chhattisgarh State Biodiversity Board and Nodal Officer, Climate Change Chhattisgarh; *Dr. K. Ravichandran*, Director, IIFM, Bhopal; *Manoj Singh*, Additional Chief Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, U.P.; *Mamta Sanjeev Dubey*, Principal Conservator of Forests and Head of Department, U.P.; *Sanjay Srivastava* and *Anjani Acharya*, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests; *Ashish Tiwari*, Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, U.P.; *C.S.R. Murthy*, Chief General Manager, NABARD and *Dr. S.N. Tripathi*, Prof. IIT, Kanpur, and in the third technical session, *Ajay Yadav*, Joint Secretary, MNRE, *Anjali Bansal*, Founding Partner, AVANA; *Naresh Pal Gangwar*, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India; *Manoj Singh*, Additional Chief Secretary, Environment Forest and Climate Change Department, U.P.; *Mamta Sanjeev Dubey*, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Department, U.P.; *Sanjay Seth*, Vice President & Chief Executive Officer (C.E.O.), G.R.I.H.A. Council; *Raman Singh*, FAO and *Pankaj Sindhwani* of Tata Cleantech Limited participated in the discussion by making presentations based on various themes.

The third technical session was co-chaired by *Tanmay Kumar*, Additional Secretary, Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Anupa Lamichhane, Regional Manager, Asia Pacific Green Climate Fund and *Bapan Fakhruddin*, Senior Expert, Water Resources Management, Green Climate Fund acted as moderators for the second and third technical sessions.

The two-day National Climate Conclave 2023 will see a participation of more than 80 subject experts and eminent speakers, more than 100 academicians and researchers, more than 100 civil service organizations and more than 50 policy planners.

On Day 2 of the National Climate Conclave, Lucknow exhibition-cum-sale, MoS Environment, *Ashwini K Choubey* visited the stall of EIACP Centre at Forest & Environment Dept. Govt of Sikkim. LiFE publications, millets products, among several others are at display at these exhibition stalls.

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