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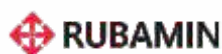
Embracing ESG for India's Development

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**Venue: FGI Business Centre, Gotri-Sevasi Road,
Khanpur, Near-Sevasi, Vadodara, Gujarat**

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Word from President

The Federation of Gujarat Industries (FGI), established in the year 1918, is a centenary young premier Chamber of Commerce (Industries Association) in India, having a proud and illustrious track record of 105 glorious years. We have been actively involved in the progress of the industrial and social sector of our State and Country and have been regularly promoting the interest of our member industries which include MSMEs, Large and Multinational companies from diverse sectors of industries. FGI regularly organizes events, seminars, conferences and exhibitions on topics and subjects which are useful to our members and the industry at large.

In line with our commitment to advancing sustainable development and fostering meaningful dialogues on critical issues, we are happy to mention that we have organized the National Conference on 'SUSTAINABLE FUTURES' on the theme 'Embracing ESG for India's Development.' This event represents a significant milestone in our collective journey towards a more sustainable and prosperous future for India. Industry leaders, experts, and change-makers can come together to shape the path to a more sustainable and equitable future.

In a world that is increasingly aware of the environmental, social, and ethical challenges we face, embracing ESG principles is not only a moral obligation but a strategic imperative. This conference is a testament to our commitment to fostering discussions, forging collaborations, and driving change in how we envision the future of India's development.

It is my privilege to invite you to participate in our Conference and benefit from the discussions. I look forward to see you at the Conference.

Mr. Tarak Patel

President, FGI and Executive Director, Tarak Chemicals Ltd.



Word from Conference Chairperson



It is with immense pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to each of you for the National Conference on 'SUSTAINABLE FUTURES: Embracing ESG for India's Development.' As the Conference Chairperson, I am deeply honoured to be part of this remarkable gathering of thought leaders, experts, and visionaries.

The theme of our conference, 'Embracing ESG for India's Development,' could not be more timely or relevant. ESG, or Environmental, Social, and Governance, is not a mere trend but a fundamental paradigm shift that is reshaping the way we think about development, business, and the well-being of our society.

It is not just about pursuing profit; it is about pursuing a purpose—a purpose that transcends mere financial returns to encompass the greater good of our nation and its people.

India stands at a crossroads, with its unique set of challenges and opportunities. Our path to progress must be mindful of the environment, considerate of social inclusivity, and accountable for ethical governance. This conference is a testament to our commitment to addressing these challenges head-on and capitalizing on the boundless opportunities that lie before us.

The National Conference on 'SUSTAINABLE FUTURES' will serve as a platform for holistic and thought-provoking discussions, inspiring insights, and actionable solutions. We have brought together an impressive lineup of speakers, experts, and practitioners who will shed light on the nuances of ESG integration, its impact on business and society, and the pivotal role it plays in shaping India's future. The diverse panels, workshops, and discussions will provide a comprehensive understanding of how we can integrate ESG principles into the heart of our development strategy.

The success of this conference lies not only in the quality of our speakers but in your active participation. We invite you to engage and to share the ideas presented here. Your perspectives, questions, and experiences are invaluable in shaping the narrative of ESG and sustainable development in India.

In these trying times, as the world grapples with various global challenges, our commitment to sustainability and responsible growth becomes even more pronounced. We have an opportunity, a responsibility, and the collective wisdom to carve out a path that leaves a lasting legacy of sustainable prosperity for our great nation.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the sponsors and partners who have made this conference possible. Together, we can inspire positive change, foster meaningful collaborations, and build a brighter, more sustainable future for India.

Let's embrace 'SUSTAINABLE FUTURES' with open minds, open hearts, and a shared commitment to ESG principles.

With warm regards,

Mr. Sameer Khara

*Conference Chairperson, Vice President - FGI &
Managing Director - SEE Linkages Pvt. Ltd.*



About the Conference:

In recent years, Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) considerations have gained significant importance in the global business landscape. ESG focuses on sustainable practices, ethical conduct, and long-term value creation. As a rapidly developing nation, India faces unique challenges and opportunities in integrating ESG principles into its economic growth. This one-day conference aims to bring together industry leaders, experts, policymakers, and stakeholders to discuss and explore ESG strategies, best practices, and their implications for India's sustainable development. It will provide a platform for knowledge exchange, dialogue, and collaboration among stakeholders and will explore practical strategies and case studies on successful ESG implementation in diverse sectors. The conference also intends to facilitate discussions on regulatory frameworks, reporting standards, and policy implications for ESG integration in India.

Topics to be covered:

- **Importance of ESG in the national development and corporate responsibility in promoting sustainability.**
- **ESG and its role in India's sustainable development journey.**
 - Key challenges, opportunities, and the business case for ESG integration.
 - Setting the stage for the discussions and deliberations ahead.
- **Panel Discussion on Policy and Regulatory Landscape for ESG in India.**
 - Insights from government representative
 - Overview of current regulatory frameworks and policies promoting ESG adoption.
 - BRSR Interface with other global reporting framework.
- **Workshop on ESG Metrics and Reporting.**
 - Practical guidance on ESG data collection, measurement, and reporting.
 - Introduction to industry standards, frameworks, and reporting guidelines.
 - Interactive session on developing ESG indicators and integrating them into reporting systems.
- **Panel Discussion on ESG Integration Across Sectors: Best Practices and Case Studies.**
 - Showcasing successful ESG implementation across key sectors (e.g., energy, manufacturing, finance, healthcare, etc.).
 - Sharing experiences, challenges, and lessons learned by industry leaders.
 - Exploring innovative approaches, partnerships, and stakeholder engagement for effective ESG integration.
 - Importance of ESG for MSMEs.
- **Panel Discussion on Investor Perspective: Unlocking ESG Value.**
 - Understanding the role of investors in driving ESG integration.
 - Examining investor expectations, strategies, and impact on business decisions.
 - Exploring the link between ESG performance and financial returns.
 - Discussing frameworks, reporting standards, and investor engagement for ESG valuation.
 - Discussing challenges, opportunities, and potential reforms for a conducive ESG ecosystem in India.

Who should Attend?

- MD, Directors, CEO, Owner, Partners, Promoters, Decision Makers of large industries and MSMEs.
- Concerned Heads and Sr. Executives from Sustainability, ESG, EHS, Operations, HR, CSR Departments.
- Sustainability and CSR professionals
- Government officials and regulators, Officials from Urban bodies & municipalities, Environmental Heads, Engineers, Climate Experts
- Investors and financial institutions
- NGO Representatives, Academicians, Researchers and Senior Students
- Interested personnel dealing with Climate and Environment Management.

Expert Speakers



Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran, *Chief Economic Adviser - Government of India.*

Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran is the current Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India.

He was a part-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India from 2019 to 2021. He is an honorary senior advisor to the International Financial Services Authority of India and has also advised the Indicus Foundation on Financial Inclusion and Dvara Research on Financial System Design. Dr. Nageswaran has earned his doctoral degree from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst in 1994 for his work on exchange rate behaviour. In 1985, he received a Post-Graduate Diploma in Management from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. In his corporate career spanning seventeen years from 1994 to 2011, Dr. Nageswaran was a Currency Economist at the Union Bank of Switzerland, Head of Research and Investment Consulting in Credit Suisse Private Banking in Asia, Head of Asia Research and Global Chief Investment Officer at Bank Julius Baer.



Mr. Shankar Venkateswaran, *Co-Founder and Managing Partner - Sustainability Integration, ECube Investment Advisors & Former Chief - Tata Sustainability Group (TSG)*

Mr. Venkateswaran's work career of about 40 years has been almost equally divided between mainstream business consulting, social development and business sustainability. Since retiring as the head of sustainability of the Tata group in 2017, he has been involved in several activities in the larger development and business space. He is a part of the founding team of ECube Climate Finance which is setting up a lending platform to address adverse climate change impacts. He is engaged with a movement called Yuva Shakti that hopes to pilot ways to enable young people be constitutionally and politically active. He has been associated with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs on matters relating to Responsible Business Conduct. He sits on the board of several NGOs and social enterprises and currently chairs Oxfam India and the CSR Trust for SDGs in India.



Mr. Sameer Khera, *Vice President - FGI & Managing Director, SEE Linkages Pvt. Ltd.*

Mr. Sameer Khera is the current Vice President of FGI. He is the Managing Director of SEE Linkages Private Ltd, a 50+ year old organization providing engineering products and manufacturing services to its customer base across the world. His other corporate positions include Independent Non-Executive Director of Alembic Ltd., Managing Director of Eclipse Global Pvt. Ltd., Board of Governors at Navrachana University and a Trustee of SEE Foundation and Rubamin Foundation. He graduated with a B. E Mechanical from the MS University of Vadodra and he did his PGD in Manufacturing Management from the S.P. Jain Institute of Management & Research. Amongst his volunteer activities, Mr. Khera is the Past Chairperson of the Baroda Citizens Council and a Member of the Community Impact Committee, United Way of Baroda.



Dr. Anjan Ray, *Former Director - CSIR-Institute of Petroleum (CSIR-IIP)*

Dr. Anjan Ray holds a Doctorate in Chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania and has worked for over 25 years in the Chemicals and Energy industries across a wide range of functions. He is the former Director, CSIR-Institute of Petroleum (CSIR-IIP), Dehradun. Dr. Ray's professional interests have spanned fields as diverse as specialty chemicals, surfactants, lubricants, oleochemicals, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, oil and gas, energy efficiency, biofuels, biotechnology, sustainable supply chains and renewable energy policy. He is a recipient of the Indian Federation of Green Energy Jury Choice Award for Outstanding Green Energy Activist in 2021, has been felicitated with the Uttarakhand Ratna Shri Award in 2022 and the Energy and Environment Foundation Global Excellence Award 2023 in the Bioenergy Sector, and recently with the Outstanding Contribution to National Development Award by the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi Alumni Association.



Mr. Sunil Parekh, *Strategic Advisor - Jubilant & Zydus Groups, Delegate - COP Conferences*

Mr. Parekh is currently Senior Strategy Advisor to two Indian MNCs - Zydus Lifesciences Group and Jubilant Bhartia Group. He is also on the Board of GNFC Ltd and GVFL Ltd. He has 45 years of working experience with corporates in India, Africa & the US. He is an empanelled Arbitrator and a Fellow of the Indian Council of Arbitration ICA. Mr. Parekh is India Chairman of the techXchange initiative under the Indo UK Partnership Program for exchange of Start-ups. & was one of the key drivers of the Start-up policy of Gujarat. He is a Member of Indian Angel Network (IAN), Board member of India's oldest venture capital firm GVFL Ltd. He is the Founding Curator of the Global Shapers Initiative Ahmedabad, an initiative of World Economic Forum WEF, Geneva & was a member of the value Web Geneva group for facilitation of group genius. Mr. Parekh is a sought-after speaker on current developments, macroeconomics and appears frequently on TV & media.



Ms. Rita Roy Choudhury, *Managing Partner and Chief Executive - Climate Change & Sustainability Services, ECube Investment Advisors Pvt. Ltd.*

Ms. Choudhury is a Senior Management Professional with 26 years of experience in the domains of environment, climate change, renewable energy, water, sanitation, sustainability, sustainable finance, sustainable mobility, biodiversity, waste management. She has spearheaded policy advocacy, thought leadership, partnerships, programmes and projects in these domains, building strong collaborations with national and international organisations. In the past, Ms. Choudhury headed the Environment, Climate Change & Renewable Energy for FICCI and also served as its Assistant Secretary General.

Expert Speakers



Mr. Amit Goradia, *Past President - FGI, Chairman - Jewel Consumer Care Pvt. Ltd., Member - United Way Worldwide Leadership Council.*

Mr. Amit Goradia is a first-generation Entrepreneur. He completed his Mechanical Engineering from the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology Mumbai, (IIT – Mumbai) in 1973. He heads family group of industries which are in Manufacture of Household Plastic Products, as also in Engineering manufacturing specialized machinery and turnkey plants for the foundry and related industries. Mr. Goradia is one of the Founding Board members of United Way of Baroda and is involved with various NGOs beside United Way and was Chairman of Baroda Citizen Council. Mr. Goradia is also Managing Committee Member and Past President of FGI (1999-2001) and is also Past Chairman of FICCI Gujarat Council.



Dr. Ajay Ranka, *Chairman and Managing Director - Zydex Industries & Former Board Member - Technology Development Board, GOI*

Dr. Ajay Ranka, the Chairman & MD of the Zydex Group is a PhD in Polymer Science & Engineering, USA who started his career with PPG Industries, USA. He founded Zydex in 1997 as a Specialty Chemicals Company with the philosophy of innovating for sustainability to conserve & extend the life of limiting resources. With a growing workforce of 800+ employees, Zydex has risen to become a global player with footprints in over 40 countries, where significant players & institutions have adopted our ecofriendly and sustainable technologies. Moreover, Dr. Ranka serves as a board member for the IRF (International Road Federation) and has previously served as a member of the Technology Development Board (Govt. of India). Dr. Ranka is also Managing Committee Member of FGI.



Mr. Atul Dalmia, *Chairman and Managing Director - Rubamin Pvt. Ltd.*

Mr. Atul Dalmia, a first-generation entrepreneur, is a Chemical Engineer from BITS-Pilani having experience of almost 40 years in conceptualizing and creating multiple businesses including chemicals, exploration, mining, metallurgy, recycling, etc. He is the Chairman & Managing Director of Rubamin group and has co-founded Rubamin in 1985. An avid collector and patron of art, Mr. Dalmia has supported and promoted all forms of arts in the city of Vadodara. Mr. Dalmia is also Former Managing Committee Member of FGI.



Mr. Soumitra Purkayastha, *Head of Sustainability - Asia Pacific Region, FMC Corporation.*

Mr. Soumitra is a Chemical Engineer from BITS, Pilani and has completed the Executive Management Programme of Manchester Business School, UK. After working in several manufacturing, technical, R&D and project management roles with the global chemicals leader, ICI Plc in the late 1980s and 90s, Mr. Soumitra moved to FMC Corporation, a global, diversified chemicals company in 2000. At ICI he worked in different manufacturing sites across India and UK and at the time of his departure from the organization he was Vice President, Research, Technology & Projects. At FMC he has held a variety of different roles including Supply Chain, Sales & Marketing and Strategic Marketing in the Agricultural Sciences Business. He also set up and managed the Lithium Business of FMC in India. He is currently leading the Sustainability function for FMC in the Asia Pacific Region.



Ms. Preeta Misra, *Senior Director – CBIG, ESG & SME, Dun & Bradstreet India.*

Ms. Preeta Misra is Senior Director at Dun & Bradstreet India and heads the Credibility and Business Insights Group, along with the ESG and SME verticals of Dun & Bradstreet India. She is a business leader who manages different business P&Ls successfully including the self-rating business. Apart from this she is responsible for growing the ESG & SME portfolio, and working on various initiatives focused on the Government, both Central and State. Ms. Preeta has a rich experience of 27 years, including 17 years with Dun & Bradstreet. Prior to joining Dun & Bradstreet, Ms. Preeta was the MD & CEO of Business Asia Consulting Pvt. Ltd for five and a half years. Prior to that, she was the CEO of Invest India Economic Foundation for almost three years. Ms. Preeta has an MSc from Calcutta University and a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management from the Birla Institute of Liberal Arts & Management Sciences, Kolkata.



Mr. R K Baheti, *Director - Alembic Pharmaceuticals Ltd.*

Mr. R. K. Baheti is a Commerce graduate and a fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. He is also a fellow member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India with wide and varied experience in Finance, Accounts, Taxation and Management. Mr. Baheti is Director, Finance & CFO at Alembic Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

Expert Speakers



Mr. Ankur Jain, *Managing Director - Ankur Scientific Energy Technologies Pvt. Ltd.*

Mr. Ankur Jain is a second-generation entrepreneur heading Ankur Scientific Energy Technologies, a company which manufactures gasification plants and waste-to-energy plants for converting poultry litter, tyres, paper, and other waste into energy. Mr. Jain is responsible for the Vision and Strategy roadmap for Ankur Scientific. He works with R&D and Technical Services team to deliver on product innovations as well as with various stakeholders, driving business development, talent acquisition, and operations of the company. Mr. Jain holds an MBA in Business from IIM Bangalore.



Mr. Bhuwan Purohit, *Executive Director - Rubamin Pvt. Ltd.*

Mr. Bhuwan Purohit is a Chartered Accountant and a qualified Company Secretary. He joined Rubamin in 2007 as Head of Zinc Recycling business. He is currently Executive Director in Rubamin responsible for the group strategy and planning and an Executive Director in Kepler Resources Private Limited (Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Rubamin).



CA Sanjeev Shah, *Chartered Accountant - Shah Sanjeev & Associates.*

CA. Sanjeev Shah is a practising Chartered Accountant (ICAI) and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE-ACFE USA) having more than 32 years of experience in areas of Mergers & Acquisitions, Forensic Investigation, Corporate Restructuring, Business Acquisition Strategies and Sustainable Reporting Assurance. Mr. Shah is a Science Graduate having additional professional certifications in Cyber Security, Forensic & Audit Analyst, Business Responsibility and Sustainable Reporting (BRSR-ICAI), Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Cloud Computing, Data Science and Block Chain.



Mr. Yatendra Lodha, *Group Head - S&OR, Reliance Industries Ltd.*

Mr. Lodha is a Chemical Engineer from BITS, Pilani with over 33 years of experience in Refinery & Petrochemicals. He is associated with Reliance Industries since last 27 years and has demonstrated achievements in Process Engineering & Design, Project Management & Construction, Program Management, Technology Services and Operations Management. Mr. Lodha is currently assigned as Group Head - Safety and Operating Risk. Prior to this role he served as Site President for SEZ refinery and petrochemicals complex at Jamnagar.



Prof. Pratyush Shankar, *Dean & Professor – School of Environmental Design & Architecture (SEDA), Navrachana University.*

Prof. Pratyush Shankar is an academic and Dean of SEDA, Navrachana University. He was the Acting Dean of Architecture and Head of the Undergraduate Program at CEPT University and has been teaching Urban History and Design for many years now. He has authored the book titled "Himalayan Cities: Settlement Pattern, Public Places and Architecture". He is presently also a Guest Professor at the Mundus Urbano Program at Architecture Faculty, TU Darmstadt, Germany. He was awarded the Alexander Von Humboldt Fellowship in 2015 and was hosted at University of Bonn, Germany. Prof. Pratyush runs a design practice along with his academic interest. He was awarded the 22nd J K Cement Architect of the Year award 2013 in Residence Design Category.



CA Harsha Ramnani, *FCA, DISA - (ICAI) & Registered Valuer (S & FA)*

CA Harsha Ramnani is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), Diploma in Information System Audit (ISA-ICAI) and commerce graduate from Kanoria Girls College, Jaipur. She is also a registered valuer for securities and financial asset class and has certification in forensic accounting and fraud detection, concurrent audits of bank, IND-AS, Business Responsibility and sustainability reporting (BRSR) and Public Finance and Government Accounting by ICAI. CA Harsha has over 12 years of post-qualification front-to-end experience and exposure as an auditing expert in various industries.

How to Attend?

Participation Fees (Per Person):

Type	Amount	GST (18%)	Total
FGI Members	800	144	944
Non-Members	1200	216	1416
Students / NGOs	500	90	590

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- Fill Delegate Registration Form and send to FGI secretariat with cheque or NEFT / RTGS details.



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