

**DTU-ICSI**

# **CXO Summit**

## **Theme: ESG Strategy and Implementation**

**Date: 30 May 2025**

**Venue: India Habitat Center, Lodhi Road, New Delhi**

## **Introduction to the Summit**

The DTU-ICSI CXO Summit on ESG Strategy and Implementation, with a focus on Enabling Value Chain Compliance involving MSME Ecosystem which powers the economy, is a source of resilience for the economy and nation, and must be technologically advanced and equipped for meeting the cherished goal of Viksit Bharat.

As large corporates mature in their journey in ESG compliance and enabler a larger corporate citizenship in the vision and on the ground, SCOPE3 and other concerns bring the focus to the value chain partners who must not only be complaint but must also imbibe at every level, the whole transformation that ESG practices require. The value chain itself is fully engaged with the MSME ecosystem in their business operations, and the transformation is not merely the value chain partners but the whole ecosystem.

India's shift from CSR to ESG, highlighting MSMEs' pivotal role in achieving sustainability goals. It explores how MSMEs must integrate ESG strategies to remain competitive in global value chains, comply with SEBI's BRSR Core, and support climate commitments. Panels cover ESG planning, supply chain collaboration, product circularity, and digitization using AI and IoT for real-time compliance. Sector-specific ESG mandates—from manufacturing and automotive to pharma, IT, and textiles—are also addressed. The summit aimed to foster inclusive ESG implementation, ensuring MSMEs align with evolving global and national sustainability standards.

## Inaugural Ceremony and Addresses by Esteemed Dignitaries

The CXO-ESG Summit, held on 30 May, 2025, was inaugurated by the following dignitaries:

- Dr. Rajneesh (Development Commissioner & Addl. Secretary, MSME, and Chief Guest)
- Shri Mahesh Gupta (Director Marketing, NFL, and Guest of Honor)
- Prof. Prateek Sharma (Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, DTU)
- Asish Mohan (Secretary, ICSI).

Prof. Rajiv Arora (Advisor, Summit), presented the overview of the summit.

The Honorable Chief Guest Dr. Rajneesh reiterated the significant role of MSME in the resilience and contribution of the MSME sector to the Indian economy. As we have grown over the last ten years from tenth largest economy to now soon to be fourth largest economy, the role of MSME in growth and equitable development of the nation, is most critical. Thus the need for MSME as a value chain member to be enabled for compliance through technological, financial and other support of HEIs and large corporations without leading to a debilitating burden, and create an ecosystem for their growth to ensure their critical contribution. He brought into focus the need to create awareness of ESG and its role in becoming part of global supply chains, and overall growth. HEIs should play a major role in training and building awareness and capability in the MSMEs to face the technological and managerial challenges for their competence building at a global standard.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Ratnam Mishra, Assistant Professor, USME, DTU.

## Panel Discussions

The first panel on ESG Strategy, highlighted ESG as a strategic mindset crucial to India's net-zero goals, with targets set for 2030 and 2070. Experts stressed that ESG must move beyond compliance and be embedded in all levels of business, across all stakeholders in the value chain, especially for MSMEs, if compliance and global supply chain acceptance is to be achieved. The discussion covered India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme, sectoral implementation, and the need for regulation and investment, and Siemens Energy and the whole group's leadership and initiatives showed that it can be done with a very successful financial commercial outcome, while ensuring ESG goals are fully met and exceeded. The three-stage process of creating ESG strategic direction and teams with specific goals and metrics to be achieved, the stringent assessment of material status on ESG metrics and development of a detailed ESG strategy would be a must for all organizations, as it reiterated further that this is a holistic organizational process. Only this way, can materiality assessment, supply chain challenges, and aligning ESG actions with national development and SDGs be achieved. Governance was underlined as the most vital ESG pillar, underlining the fact that if governance was truly effective, environmental and social goals would be automatically embedded in the strategy of the firm. This would then include all stakeholders in their ecosystem to enable compliance and the technological upgradation that will be required. This was a matter that could be treated with lesser complexity by getting down to actual implementation and the will to see it through, amply demonstrated by the panel, with issues like fair wages, compensation, technology transfer and materiality metrics across a range of industries. The august panel was moderated by Prof. R. R. Rashmi, with panelists CS Ranjeet Pandey, Mr. Gokul Pandian, Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal and Mr. Sanjay Verma.

Panel Two focused on ESG implementation challenges and pathways in the MSME and corporate value chain. Moderated by Mr. Kumaresh Misra, panelists Mr. Akhil Chaudhary, Mr. Sumeet Popli, Mr. Labanya Prakash Jena, and Prof. Rajeev Arora emphasized the imperative for corporations and their value chains to engage in collaborative strategic planning, where collective MSME efforts by forming cooperation groups, and entrepreneurial mindset to tackle the financing challenges of technology transition prioritizing sustainability and ESG integration. Getting together with each other, and with the right funding support for technology advancement, training and HEI collaborations, could all result in a major change in the MSME sector. Panelists stressed the need to move beyond mere compliance by embedding these principles into organizational culture and supporting MSMEs and startups in adopting innovative, sustainable practices. Key challenges discussed included addressing Scope 2 and 3 emissions, enhancing awareness, and improving access to green finance. The role of technology, particularly blockchain, was highlighted for improving supply chain transparency, alongside the importance of capacity building, skill development, and clean product innovation, with institutions like DTU

playing a facilitating role. WTO-compatible incentives were also noted as vital for MSME support. The session concluded that a collective mindset shift and robust partnerships are essential for achieving sustainable, long-term growth.

Panel three focused on product safety and circularity, in terms of design, development and promotions. The panel concluded that circularity must start at the drawing board: Circular design isn't an afterthought, it's a prerequisite. From a focus on durability to repairability, to product circularity – design must mandatorily require the latter aspect for any launch or certification. Materials used for product construction must be easily separable. Products must be built for end-of-life disassembly, recyclability, and safe reintegration into supply chains, not just safe usage. Modular, Decentralized Tech is the Future of Safe Waste Treatment: Product safety extends beyond consumers to ecosystems, rural and urban India need plug-and-play sewage and packaging treatment systems deployable by MSMEs, with zero leakage risk to environment or health. Recycled is not equal to Circular Unless Lifecycle is Tracked: Safety in circularity isn't just reuse, it's knowing what material, where it went, and what happens next. Without lifecycle intelligence, "recycled" becomes "relocated waste." Even unsold inventory must be counted as they end up building waste. The circular economy must address pre-consumer waste too. An important innovation in business model was exemplified in the weater sector where large corporation may develop the technology and fully engage the MSME in manufacturing, promotions and distribution channel. The role of transport as a major concern in environmental challenges was highlighted and steps such as transition to cleaner fuels like CNG, PNG and EV and away from ICE, was discussed. The major element of cost of EV batteries, and the carbon footprint of making and charging batteries was also mentioned. The transition so far was not commercially viable for may fleet operators, and government regulations as well as funding and technology development perhaps with wider innovation hub engagement in HEIs was a possible answer. The E-commerce sector was highlighted a s major source of waste generation through unit level packaging as against traditional bulk transport and unbundling at store level. E-Raddi, e-co9merce apps integration circularity options snd return of packaging for a discount, role of circularity in lowering costs, and the fact that in textiles it could just be a opne time transition cost, were all highlighted. A study shared the panelist also showed that consumers felt that over packaging was happening. This showed the possibility that consumers, at the end of value chain, may slowly beginning to pay for the costs of environmentally safe technologies and processes, are signs of a maturing ESG environment. This also addresses partially the question of funding the transition. Moderated by Prof. Amit Mookerjee, eminent panellists included Mr. Kapil Malhotra, Mr. Pradeep Singhal, Ms Shruti Singh and Dr. Loveleen Gupta.

The panel 4 on "ESG Implementation – Role of AI, Digitization, and Regulatory Compliances" highlighted how emerging technologies like AI, IoT, and ESG software are becoming essential

tools for ensuring compliance, particularly under SEBI's evolving norms and global frameworks like CBAM. Panelists emphasized that ESG implementation is increasingly data-driven, yet MSMEs face significant challenges in adopting digital tools due to limited resources, awareness, and motivation. It was noted that while large organizations like NTPC are advancing ESG integration across their supply chains, smaller firms often overlook critical norms unless financially incentivized. The discussion underscored the need for simplified, sector-specific ESG guidelines and KPIs, greater standardization in ESG data, and stronger support systems such as training programs and government incentives. Overall, the panel called for a more inclusive, tech-enabled, and collaborative approach to ESG compliance that involves all stakeholders in the value chain. Moderated by Mr. Arun Goyal (Ex-Secy, GoI), the panelists included Mr. Mayank Chauhan (CEO, Logic Ladder), Prof. Charru Malhotra (IIPA), Mr. Gaurav Sainani (Partner, Legalixir), and Mr. Vikash Kumar (Lead Sustainability & ESG, NTPC Ltd).

## Closing Thoughts

In closing, the CXO-ESG Summit reaffirmed that achieving meaningful ESG transformation requires a collective shift in mindset—one that integrates sustainability into the core of business strategy, especially within the MSME ecosystem. Prof. Amit Mookerjee emphasized that ESG is not a postscript but must be embedded from the design stage, shaping how products are conceived, developed, and circulated. Prof. Rajiv Arora concluded by highlighting the urgent need for India to align with global ESG standards while tailoring approaches that empower MSMEs through capacity building, digitization, and inclusive policy frameworks. The summit called for continued collaboration between corporates, regulators, and academic institutions to ensure that ESG implementation becomes both practical and transformative across the entire value chain.

# Some Glimpses of the event

## Inaugural Session



## Session





## session 2



## Session 3



## Session 4



Organizing Team Members





# Appendix 1 - Event Schedule

· Date: 30/05/2025 Schedule: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## 9:00 – 9:45 AM | Registrations

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### Inaugural Session [ 9:45 AM– 10:55 AM ]

9:45 AM- National Anthem

9:47 AM- CS Motto Song

9:50 AM- 10:00 AM | Welcome of the dignitaries

10:00 AM- 10:05 AM | Lighting of Lamp

10:05 AM- 10:10 AM | Introduction to the Summit (Prof. Rajiv Arora, Advisor, Summit)

10:10 AM- 10:17 AM | Address by Secretary, ICSI, CS Asish Mohan

10:17 AM- 10:24 AM | Address by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, DTU, Prof. Prateek Sharma

10:25 AM- 10:35 AM | Address by Guest of Honor, Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Director Marketing, NFL

10:35 AM- 10:50 AM | Address by Chief Guest, Dr. Rajneesh, Development Commissioner & Addl. Secretary, MSME

10:50 AM- 10:55 AM | Vote of Thanks

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## 10:55 – 11:30 AM | High Tea

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### Panel 1: Establishing Strategy for ESG [11:30 – 12:30 PM]

- Prof. R.R. Rashmi, Distinguished Fellow, TERI & Ex-Secy GOI (Moderator)
- Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, Fortum
- CS Ranjeet Pandey, Former President ICSI & Chairman ESG & Sustainability Board, ICSI
- Mr. Gokul Pandian, Director, Climate Change & Sustainability Services, Ernst and Young
- Mr. Sanjay Verma, GM, Siemens Energy

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### Panel 2: Strategic Planning and Implementation – Engaging Value Chain Partners [12:30 TO 1:30 PM]

- Mr. Kumaresh. C.Mishra . IAS(R) . CEO 3S - Fmr Dy SG UN Habitat III & Head International Cooperation OPCW (Moderator)
- Mr. Akhil Choudhary, CEO, Vaco Binary Semantics
- Mr. Sumeet Popli, CEO and Founder, Biome
- Mr. Labanya Prakash Jena, Consultant, Asian Development Bank

- Prof. Rajiv Arora, DTU
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### **Panel 3: Product Safety and Circularity – Design, Development, and Promotion [2:15 – 3:15 PM]**

- Mr. Kapil Malhotra, Chemicals Division, ASSOCHAM | President, Gujarat Fluoro Chemicals Ltd
  - Ms. Shruti Singh , Director of India Hub, Canopy
  - Prof. Loveleen Gupta, DTU
  - Mr. Pradeep Singhal, CMD, GIR Logistics & Chairman- AITWA
  - Prof. Amit Mookerjee, DTU (Moderator)
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### **Panel 4: ESG Implementation – Role of AI, Digitization, and Regulatory Compliance [3:15 – 4:15 PM]**

- Mr. Mayank Chauhan, CEO Logic Ladder,
  - Prof. Charu Malhotra, IIPA
  - Mr. Gaurav Sainani, Partner, Legalixir
  - Mr. Vikash Kumar, Lead Sustainability & ESG, NTPC Ltd.
  - Mr. Arun Goyal, Ex. Secy. GoI (Moderator)
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**Rapporteur Summary [4:15 – 4:30 PM]**

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**High Tea 4:30 PM onwards**

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## Appendix 2 - Guest and Speaker Profiles

### First DTU-ICSI CXO Summit Inaugural Session

#### 1. (Prof. Rajiv Arora, Advisor, Summit)

Prof. (Dr.) Rajiv Arora is an esteemed academic and Adjunct Faculty in Management, holding qualifications including BE, ME, M.Phil, PGDMBA, and Ph.D. With extensive expertise across engineering and management disciplines, he brings a multidisciplinary perspective to teaching and research. Dr. Arora is known for his contributions to policy, strategy, and institutional development, and actively engages in initiatives at the intersection of technology and governance. He remains committed to academic excellence and applied innovation.

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#### 2. President ICSI, CS Dhananjay Shukla

CS Dhananjay Shukla, a Commerce and Law graduate, is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) and a Practising Company Secretary based in Gurugram. With over 20 years of professional experience, he specializes in Corporate Law, Securities Law, and Taxation. He served as Vice President of ICSI in 2024 and has held various leadership roles in the Northern India Regional Council, including Chairman in 2017. A former member of the Secretarial Standards Board, he previously worked with leading corporate groups and has played a key role in establishing several foreign-promoted start-ups in India.

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### 3. Vice Chancellor, DTU, Prof. Prateek Sharma

Dr. Prateek Sharma is the Vice Chancellor of Delhi Technological University and a distinguished academic with over 28 years of experience in research and teaching. A Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from IIT Delhi, his work focuses on environmental systems modeling, air quality, and risk assessment. He has published extensively and authored books on vehicular pollution and stochastic modeling. A Fellow of several prestigious institutions, Dr. Sharma also contributes to national environmental initiatives through CPCB's National Knowledge Network. Previously, he served at TERI School of Advanced Studies, shaping postgraduate programs in Environmental and Disaster Management.



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### 4. Guest of Honor, Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Director Marketing, NFL

Mahesh Gupta is the Director (Marketing) at National Fertilizers Limited, bringing over three decades of leadership experience from Indian Oil Corporation. His expertise spans cross-functional domains including sales, marketing, trading, finance, operations, supply chain management, and cost accounting. Known for driving business growth and forging robust relationships, he has held senior roles such as Chief General Manager (BD-Gas) and General Manager across business development and vigilance domains. His strategic acumen in marketing and account management has consistently delivered results in both public and commercial sectors. Mahesh Gupta's leadership is marked by his commitment to operational excellence and innovation-driven marketing.



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## **5. Chief Guest, Dr. Rajneesh, Development Commissioner & Addl. Secretary, MSME**

Dr. Rajneesh, IAS, currently serves as the Additional Secretary and Development Commissioner at the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India. A senior officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre, he assumed this role in December 2022. In this capacity, he is responsible for formulating policies to promote MSME growth, offering techno-economic consultancy, and supporting cluster development initiatives. Dr. Rajneesh plays a pivotal role in enhancing the competitiveness of MSMEs and improving their access to credit and financial services. His strategic leadership is instrumental in driving sustainable development and innovation across the MSME sector in India.



## **6. CS Asish Mohan, Secretary, ICSI**

CS Asish Mohan, a Fellow Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, is an accomplished professional with around two decades of experience in Corporate and Insolvency Laws, SEBI Laws, and Corporate Restructuring. He has served reputed listed companies as Company Secretary and Legal Head before entering practice. He has held key roles with the Kochi Chapter of ICSI and is known for his academic brilliance and gold-medal accolades. A respected speaker and faculty, he has trained professionals across institutions. Since June 2020, he has been serving as the Secretary of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

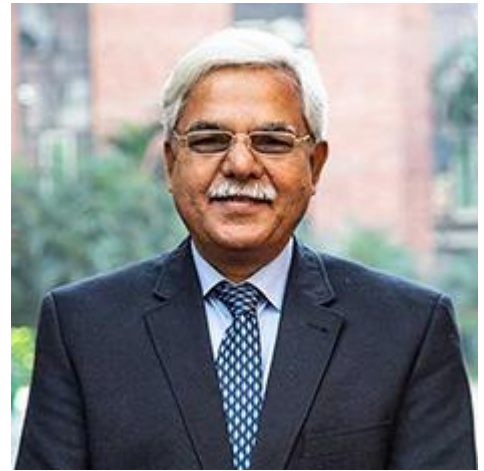




### *Panel 1*

#### **1. Mr. R.R. Rashmi:**

Mr. Rajani Ranjan Rashmi, Senior Fellow at The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). A distinguished former IAS officer, Mr. Rashmi brings over 35 years of experience in environmental, commerce, and finance policy. He played a key role in shaping India's climate policy and was the country's principal negotiator under the UNFCCC during the Paris Agreement. He has served in senior roles at the Ministry of Environment and advised national and international bodies on climate finance and sustainability. A recipient of the Prime Minister's Award, Mr. Rashmi holds degrees from Patna University and the University of Brussels.



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#### **2. Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal:**

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President of Fortum India, who brings over 35 years of leadership in the energy sector. Since 2014, he has spearheaded Fortum's initiatives in solar, hybrid systems, bioethanol, and EV infrastructure. A Mechanical Engineering graduate from Delhi College of Engineering, Mr. Aggarwal has held senior roles at TATA Power, Wärtsilä, and ABB. His expertise spans coal, gas, hydro, and renewables, combining financial acumen with sustainable innovation. Known for his pragmatic approach, he champions long-term value creation and resilient energy

solutions, believing success lies in building a legacy of impact and purpose in the sector.

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### 3. CS Ranjeet Pandey

Mr. Ranjeet Pandey is a seasoned expert in Corporate Governance, ESG Advisory, and Insolvency & Bankruptcy, with over two decades of experience. A former President of ICSI (2019), he has contributed significantly to India's regulatory and corporate governance landscape. He currently chairs the ESG & Sustainability Board of ICSI and serves on key national committees related to CSR, insolvency, and capital markets. Mr. Pandey is also a respected speaker and advisor to top corporations and PSUs.

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### 4. Mr. Gokul Pandian

Mr. Gokul Pandian, Director at Ernst & Young (EY), with over 20 years of expertise in sustainability and climate change. At EY, he leads initiatives in ESG reporting, carbon accounting, due diligence, decarbonisation, and sustainable supply chains across diverse sectors such as mining, automotive, power, and fintech. He has collaborated extensively with governments and international institutions. Mr. Pandian previously held leadership roles at Deloitte, KPMG India, and ICF International. He holds a postgraduate degree in Energy Engineering from Anna University and completed an advanced program in Business Analytics at IIM Bangalore.

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## 5. Mr. Sanjay Verma

Mr. Sanjay Verma, General Manager and Head of Global Customer Operations at Siemens Energy India. With over 37 years of global experience in the energy sector, he excels in customer satisfaction, project management, and team leadership. An alumnus of BITS Pilani and IIT Delhi, Mr. Verma leads a 125+ member team handling engineering for gas and steam turbines. He previously held key roles at Siemens and BHEL, contributing to major power projects in India and abroad. His expertise spans leadership, power plant engineering, and global collaboration, making him a respected leader in energy and infrastructure.



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## PANEL 2

### 1. Mr. Kumaresh C. Misra

Mr. Kumaresh C. Misra, IAS (Retd.), is a distinguished expert in safety, sustainability, and international cooperation. He served as Deputy Secretary General at the UN (Habitat III) and contributed to the Nobel Peace Prize-winning work of the OPCW as Head International Cooperation. With over four decades in public service and diplomacy he is currently CEO of 3S and continues to lead ESG-focused initiatives and has been curating the Indian Chemical Council's Sustainability Conclave for the chemical industry since its inception in 2019.



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## 2. **AKHIL CHOUDHARY**

Mr. Akhil Choudhary is the Managing Partner and CEO of Vaco Binary Semantics LLP, with over 41+ years of professional journey in IT, leadership and digital transformation. He is also co-founder and chairman of Binary Semantics Ltd., founded in 1986. He has driven innovation across technology, insurance, logistics, manufacturing, compliance, and deep tech. Mr. Choudhary, a 1984 Electronics & Communication Engineering graduate from DTU (formerly Delhi College of Engineering), is a strong advocate for leveraging emerging technologies—AI, ML, cloud, and analytics—to deliver enterprise-grade digital solutions and promote sustainable innovation across sectors.



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## 3. **Mr. Sumeet Popli**

Mr. Sumeet Popli is a visionary leader with over 20 years of experience in project management, climate action, and decarbonizing the built environment. He is the Founder & CEO of Biome Sustainability Ventures, an initiative focused on scalable, nature-inspired solutions that promote sustainability and circularity in construction.

Sumeet also serves as an Innovator at Digital Impact Square, a TCS Foundation initiative supporting impactful early-stage ventures. Prior to founding Biome, he held leadership roles at global firms including JLL, CBRE, and Mott MacDonald, where he led large-scale real estate and infrastructure projects across the Asia-Pacific region.



He was also the co-founder of Accacia, where he led the development of an AI-powered SaaS platform for GHG emissions tracking in the real estate sector.

An alumnus of the National University of Singapore and Delhi College of Engineering, Sumeet combines deep technical expertise with strategic foresight. At Biome, guided by the core values

of Circular, Sustainable, and Responsible, he champions a climate-positive future through the development of innovative, low-carbon building materials.

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#### **4. Mr. Labanya Prakash Jena**

Mr. Labanya Prakash Jena is working as a climate finance expert at the Asian Development Bank, a sustainable finance consultant at IEEFA, and an advisor at the Climate and Sustainability Initiative (CSI) and Climate Trends. He earlier worked as the Regional Climate Finance Adviser, Indo-Pacific Region at the Commonwealth Secretariat, and also worked as a sustainable finance consultant for UNDP. He co-authored a book, “Net-Zero Trio: Synchronising Technology, Business, and Policy for Green Transition,” published by Bloomsbury. Labanya holds a Master's in Economics from Utkal University and is a CFA Charterholder from the CFA Institute.



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### **5. Prof. Rajiv Arora**

Prof. (Dr.) Rajiv Arora is an esteemed academic and adjunct faculty member in management, holding qualifications including BE, ME, M.Phil., PGDMBA, and Ph.D. With extensive expertise across engineering and management disciplines, he brings a multidisciplinary perspective to teaching and research. Dr. Arora is known for his contributions to policy, strategy, and institutional development and actively engages in initiatives at the intersection of technology and governance. He remains committed to academic excellence and applied innovation.



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## **PANEL 3**

### **1. Prof. Amit Mookerjee**

Dr. Amit Mookerjee is Professor and Head at the University School of Management and Entrepreneurship and Director of East Campus, Delhi Technological University. With over 15 years of experience at IIM Lucknow—including as Dean and Head of its Noida Campus—he has led academic and research initiatives in marketing and consumer behaviour. His expertise spans customer relationship management, customer profitability, loyalty programs, and consumer insight generation. Dr. Mookerjee has also served as Head of Research and Analytics at NCAER and is known for driving curriculum design and academic excellence across undergraduate and postgraduate business programs. His work emphasises strategic marketing and value creation.



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## 2. Mr. Kapil Malhotra

With over 37 years of distinguished experience, **Kapil Malhotra** stands as a dynamic leader in global business development and strategic market expansion. Currently serving as the **Global Business Unit Head – Fluoropolymers** at **Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd. (GFL)**, he has been instrumental in driving the company's growth, particularly through the successful setup and global positioning of its integrated fluoropolymer complex in Dahej, Gujarat. His leadership spans across product innovation, international market penetration, and sustainability-driven transformation.



Kapil has led key digital and ESG initiatives within GFL and played a pivotal role in establishing the company's presence in over 50 countries. He previously held leadership roles at reputed firms like Chemplast Sanmar, Sulzer India, and Kirloskar Pneumatic. A chemical engineering graduate from **BITS Pilani** and an MBA from **FMS Delhi**, he actively contributes to industry forums as a former **President of AMAI** and Vice-Chairman in **ICC** and **ASSOCHAM**.

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## 3. Ms. Shruti Singh

Ms. Shruti Singh, Director of the India Hub at Canopy, to our panel. With over 14 years of experience at the intersection of climate change, public policy, and the creative industry, she is a leading voice in sustainable fashion and environmental justice. A policy author and columnist for renowned platforms, she also serves as Country Coordinator for Fashion Revolution India and advises MSMEs on responsible supply chains. Shruti is the founder of *Designing Futures*, a grassroots initiative fostering climate literacy among youth. Her work reflects a deep commitment to sustainability, equity, and transformative impact.



#### 4. **Lovleen Gupta, Ph.D.**

Dr. Lovleen Gupta is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Environmental Engineering at Delhi Technological University. She is dedicated to advancing research and education in the field of sustainable environmental practices, with a focus on air pollution, and climate-responsive engineering. Dr. Gupta actively contributes to both academic and applied research, engaging students in innovative projects aimed at addressing pressing environmental challenges. With publications in high impact journals, her work reflects a strong commitment to sustainability and interdisciplinary collaboration, and she continues to inspire future engineers through her teaching, mentorship, and technical expertise in the environmental engineering domain.



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#### 4. **Pradeep Singal**

Mr. Pradeep Singal is the Managing Director of GIR Logistics Pvt. Ltd. and Chairman of the All India Transporters Welfare Association (AITWA). With over three decades of leadership in the logistics and transportation sector, he has been instrumental in shaping the growth, strategy, and operational excellence of GIR Logistics since 1992. Mr. Singal joined the organization in 1986 after completing his graduation and has continuously contributed to its long-term vision. As Chairman of AITWA since 2000, he advocates for industry reforms, infrastructure development, and digital transformation, playing a pivotal role in the evolution of India's transport and logistics ecosystem.



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## PANEL 4

### 1. **Mr. Mayank Pratap Chauhan**

Mr. Mayank Pratap Chauhan, a distinguished Sustainability and Net Zero Leader, and Co-Founder and CEO of LogicLadder Technologies. With over 20 years of experience across entrepreneurship, technology, and environmental management, Mayank brings expertise in sustainability, carbon management, and the circular economy. He has led multiple ventures focused on enabling organizations to achieve net-zero ambitions through innovative software solutions. An alumnus of IIT Bombay and a qualified lawyer, his work bridges technology, operations, and environmental law. Mayank's insights continue to shape India's sustainability landscape, helping enterprises drive measurable climate impact through data-driven strategies and innovation



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### 2. **Prof. (Dr.) Charru Malhotra**

Prof. (Dr.) Charru Malhotra is a distinguished expert in digital transformation, e-governance, and public policy with over 35 years of experience. She serves as Professor of e-Governance and ICT at the Indian Institute of Public Administration, Delhi, and leads transformative projects for the Government of India. Dr. Malhotra has published over 93 papers and contributed to India's Digital India and Smart Cities missions. She collaborates with global institutions to shape inclusive, technology-driven governance. Her work integrates citizen-centric approaches to public service delivery, with a focus on sustainability, transparency, and innovation in governance ecosystems.





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### 3. **Mr. Gaurav Sainani, Partner, Legalixir**

Gaurav Sainani is a distinguished legal professional with 12 years of experience and extensive expertise in corporate law, due diligence, corporate governance, and ESG advisory. As a Partner at Legalixir, he has been instrumental in fostering a culture of compliance and ethical business practices. With prior leadership roles at Cipla, Trilegal, Raymond Limited, and CK Birla Group, he has successfully navigated complex legal frameworks, enhancing corporate legal strategies. His commitment to governance excellence and sustainability reflects his deep understanding of regulatory landscapes and corporate integrity. A trusted advisor to major corporations, he has played a key role in shaping legal policies and ESG strategies. His ability to align business objectives with regulatory requirements has positioned him as a leader in corporate legal affairs.



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### 4. **Mr. Arun Goyal**

Mr. Arun Goyal is a retired 1985-batch IAS officer who most recently served as Member of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, where he contributed significantly to key regulatory reforms. He has held several senior positions, including Secretary to the Government of India in the Cabinet Secretariat. With deep expertise in public policy, regulatory affairs, and energy transition, Mr. Goyal brings over three decades of distinguished service and leadership across critical sectors of governance.





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## 5. **Mr. Vikash Kumar**

Vikash Kumar, Lead – Sustainability & ESG at NTPC Ltd., drives the company's Net Zero vision and ESG strategy across India's largest power utility. An alumnus of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and IIM Lucknow, he leads sustainability disclosures, digital transformation, investor engagement, and group-wide decarbonisation efforts. With 12+ years of experience in power generation, renewables, and policy, Vikash has represented NTPC at global forums like WEF and COP14.



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**Session 1**  
Establishing Strategy for ESG  
[11:30 – 12:30 PM]

**Mr. R.R. Kashni,**  
Distinguished Fellow, TERI GGI

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Director, Climate Change & Sustainability Services, Ernst and Young

**Session 2**  
Strategic Planning and Implementation – Engaging Value Chain Partners  
[12:30 TO 1:30 PM]

**Mr. Kumarish, C. Mishra**  
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**Mr. Akhil Choudhary,**  
CEO, Vaco Binary Semantics

**Session 3**  
Product Safety and Circularity – Design, Development, and Promotion  
[2:15 – 3:15 PM]

**Prof. Amit Mookerjee,**  
Professor and Head USME, DTU

**Mr. Kapil Malhotra,**  
Chemicals Division, ASSOCIAM, President, Gujarat Fluoro Chemicals Ltd

**Ms. Shruti Singh,**  
Director of India Hub, Canopy

**Prof. Lovleen Gupta,**  
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**Mr. Pradeep Singhal,**  
CMD, GRI Logistics Chairman, ATWA

**Session 4**  
ESG Implementation – Role of AI, Digitization, and Regulatory Compliance  
[3:15 – 4:15 PM]

**Mr. Mayank Chauhan**  
CEO Logic Ladder

**Prof. Charnu Malhotra,**  
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# DTU in collaboration with ICSI hosts CXO summit on ESG strategy, 2025

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Delhi Technological University (DTU), in collaboration with the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), successfully hosted the CXO-ESG Summit 2025 on 30 May 2025.

The two-day summit brought together leading voices from government, industry, and academia to deliberate on actionable ESG strategies and value chain compliance, with a strong focus on empowering the MSME ecosystem as a key pillar of Viksit Bharat.

The summit was inaugurated by Dr Rameesh, Development Commissioner and Additional Secretary, Ministry of MSME (Chief Guest), Mahesh Gupta, Director (Marketing), National Fertilizers Limited (Guest of Honour), Prof Prateek Sharma, Vice Chancellor, DTU and Asish Mohan, Secretary, ICSI.

Prof Ranjiv Arora (Summit Advisor) presented an overview of the summit, followed by a vote of thanks delivered by Dr Ratnam Mishra. Over the course of four insightful panel discussions, the summit addressed ESG as a strategic imperative aligned with India's Net Zero ambitions,



the vital role of MSMEs in sustainable value chain transformation, the importance of product safety, circular design, and sectoral innovation, and the integration of AI and digitization for real-time ESG compliance and reporting.

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Through initiatives like the CXO-ESG Summit, DTU reaffirms its commitment to fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, research, and policy innovation in India's ESG and sustainability journey.



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