

Bombay Chamber

Sustainability Conclave 2025

Closing the Loop: Circular Pathways to Business Sustainability

November 19, 2025, 10.00 am to 1.15 pm

Venue: St. Regis Hotel, Mumbai

Timings	Event Agenda
9.30 am	Registration & Tea
10.00 to 10.20 am	Theme Setting Anirban Ghosh , Head – Centre for Sustainability, Mahindra University and chairperson Sustainability Committee, Bombay Chamber
10.20 to 11.20 am	Panel Discussion 1: Beyond Compliance: Leveraging EPR for Business Sustainability Moderator: Abhishek Deshpande - Co-Founder & COO, Recykal Panel Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alok Chandra – Chief HSE & Sustainability Officer, Tata Chemicals ● Ramnath Vaidyanathan - Head - Environmental Sustainability Godrej Industries Group ● Prabodha Acharya - Chief Sustainability Officer, JSW Group ● Abhinay Lakhmapure, Chief Business Officer - Sustainability, The Shakti Plastic Industries
11.20 to 11.30 am	Tea Break
11.30 to 12.10 pm	Fireside Chat: Collaboration Across Value Chains: Building Ecosystems for Circular Growth Prof. Vikram Vishal , Professor and Convener, National Centre of Excellence in CCUS, IIT Bombay, Co-founder and CEO, UrjanovaC in conversation with Sumit Issar , MD & CEO, Mahindra Accelo Ltd. and Mahindra Steel Service Centre Ltd.; Director, CERO (Mahindra MSTC Recycling Pvt. Ltd.); Board Member, Mahindra Auto Steel Pvt. Ltd., Mahindra Middle East, and PT Mahindra Auto Steel Indonesia

12.10 to 1.10 pm	<p>Panel Discussion 2: From Design to Disposal : Product Innovation, Data and Material Efficiency</p> <p>Moderator: Sandeep Kumar Mohanty, PwC, Partner - Sustainability Transformation, iBT, One Consulting</p> <p>Panel Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Surya Valluri - Chief Sustainability Officer, Grasim Industries● Dr. Neeru Bansal - Chief Sustainability Officer, Cement Business, Adani Group● Pratibha Dewett - Chief Sustainability Officer, Lucro Plastecycle● Nishtha Gupta- Group Head - Sustainability & ESG, Suzlon Energy Limited
1.10 pm	<p>Vote of Thanks</p> <p>Sandeep Khosla, Director General, Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry</p>
1.15 pm	<p>Networking Lunch</p>

SPEAKER PROFILE



Anirban Ghosh

Head – Centre for Sustainability, Mahindra University

Anirban has worked with the USD 20+ billion Mahindra Group since 1999 where he heads the Centre for Sustainability at the Mahindra University. He was the Group's Chief Sustainability Officer immediately prior to setting up the Centre for Sustainability. The Centre for Sustainability has launched innovative core and elective courses for students in technology and management programs, is engaged in research on key climate topics in partnership with domestic and international organizations. During his work Anirban developed an award-winning sustainability framework, enabled Mahindra to be the first in the world to commit to doubling energy efficiency, the first in the country to adopt a carbon price and commit to Science Based Targets. He has helped harness more water than is consumed in the Group and has started a program to make Mahindra a zero waste to landfill, carbon neutral, nature positive organization. Under Anirban's guidance Mahindra World City, a 1500-acre integrated township, has become a food waste free city and this is being replicated all over India. In partnership with the World Bank, he helped create the "Sustainable Housing Leadership Coalition" to accelerate the spread of green buildings and has been recognized as "Senior Fellow" by the Indian Green Building Council.

Anirban has implemented a national award-winning rural development project that tripled per capita income for more than 40,000 Indians and has helped create an EHS+ centre, in partnership with the Institute for Sustainable Communities, to spread sustainability in the supply chain. Anirban has been an invited speaker at international events like the COPs, the Global Climate Action Summit, The Climate Week, World Circular Economy Forum, and GRI Global. He has featured in Al Gore's "Climate Reality Project", has written opinion pieces for publications like Financial Times, Huffington Post, Green Biz and Eco-business, and has conducted sustainability sessions for students at INSEAD, Nalanda University, Indian School of Business and Indian Institutes of Management. He has been acknowledged as a "Thought Leader", a "Distinguished Sustainability Officer" and a "Global C-Suite Sustainability Champion".



Abhishek Deshpande

Co-Founder & COO, Recykal

Meet Abhishek Deshpande, a visionary force shaping the landscape of sustainability and circular economy and a true advocate for a greener tomorrow. Named LinkedIn's Top Voice in Sustainability & Circular Economy for 2023, Abhishek's Journey is one of transformation, innovation, and unwavering dedication. An accomplished entrepreneur with a penchant for

turning dreams into reality, Abhishek's belief in pushing boundaries knows no bounds. Before heading operations at Recykal, he led the operations at Accor Group of Hotels. It was during this time that he came face to face with a troubling reality – the rampant consumption of single-use plastic items within the hospitality industry. The wasteful usage and reckless disposal of items like plastic cups and water bottles struck a chord deep within him, igniting his passion for environmental conservation. Unlike the notion that sustainability is a responsibility left to others, Abhishek took this cause to heart. Fueled by a desire to revolutionize the conventional waste management framework using technology, he set out to start Recykal. From humble beginnings as a scrap marketplace, Abhishek's relentless efforts nurtured Recykal into a comprehensive, tech-driven sustainability solutions provider. His commitment to reshaping the waste landscape has been instrumental in transitioning the sector from its traditional moorings into a dynamic, technology-driven ecosystem.

Today, Abhishek envisions Recykal as a vanguard, a guiding light illuminating the path toward a sustainable and circular economy. His unparalleled insight and keen understanding of waste management dynamics in India position him as a thought leader of extraordinary stature. At various sustainability summits and conclaves held across the nation, Abhishek stands as an active and insightful contributor, delving deep into the trends that shape the industry's trajectory. Recognized for his transformative contributions, Abhishek was lauded as one of the 'Most Influential Sustainability Leaders of India' at the esteemed Sustainability Leadership Summit in 2019. He stands as a recipient of the prestigious BusinessWorld Young Entrepreneur Award in 2020. Adding another feather to his cap, he has now been recognized by BW Disrupt's 40 under 40 list in 2023, which identifies the most influential leaders organized by Business World Disrupt every year. Abhishek's journey, from envisioning a world free from waste to pioneering technological solutions, sets him apart as a true thought leader and an inspiration to all those who dream of a better tomorrow.



Alok Chandra
Chief HSE & Sustainability Officer, Tata Chemicals

Alok Chandra is the Chief HSE & Sustainability Officer at Tata Chemicals Limited, leading global Health, Safety, Environment, and Sustainability initiatives for the company. A Chartered Chemical Engineer from the Institute of Engineers, Calcutta, he also holds a PGDBA in HR from Symbiosis Pune, a Post Diploma in Industrial Safety from RLI Kanpur, and a postgraduate degree in Ecology & Environment from IIEE Delhi. With 33 years of experience in the chemical industry, he has contributed across HSE, HR & Administration, CSR, Sustainability, and Manufacturing functions. His professional journey includes key roles at DCM Shriram Consolidated Ltd., United Phosphorus Ltd., and SRF Limited before joining the Tata Group in 2010. He is an active member of the ICC SHE & Responsible Care Committee, the Bombay Chamber of Commerce Sustainability Committee, and serves as a Board Member of the N-Courage Foundation. Additionally, he completed a Tata Group-sponsored coaching program and became a certified coach in 2022–23.



Ramnath Vaidyanathan

Head - Environmental Sustainability, Godrej Industries Group

Ram has 17+ years of experience in the environment, energy and water management, across a wide range of roles from regulatory/policy, to process engineering, operations, strategy advisory, business development, business strategy, and product development and management.

Prior to Godrej, Ram was CEO of WiSH Energy Solutions, a renewable energy subsidiary of the Enzen Group, where he was leading strategy, business development and overall P&L. He previously worked as a consultant at Enzen's Clean Energy & Environment Practice where he was involved with energy optimisation projects for utilities based in the UK. His work experience also includes strategizing environmental management for PI Industries Ltd at their flagship manufacturing facility in Gujarat and working on water treatment technologies and developing policy and regulations for drinking water at the National Environment Agency, Singapore. Ram completed his MBA in Strategy & Marketing from the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad and his Masters in Environmental Science from the Singapore-Stanford Partnership, a collaboration between Stanford University, USA, and Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. In his spare time, Ram enjoys listening to and playing music and sports, quizzing, reading, travelling and cooking. He is also a trained home brewer and consults with various microbreweries in India.

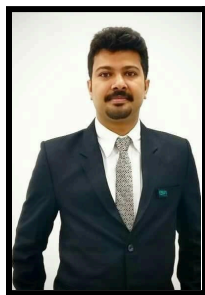


Prabodha Acharya

Chief Sustainability Officer, JSW Group

In his current role, Mr. Acharya partners with the CEOs, CXOs, Functional Heads, Operation Heads and Senior Executives of the group companies to develop and drive the implementation of sustainability and ESG strategy in the sectors including Steel, Energy, Cement, Paints, Infrastructure etc. In his current role, he has been instrumental in integrating sustainability into the business strategy and advanced JSW's sustainability initiatives to create long term value for the group. Mr Acharya has worked for more than three decades in the field of corporate sustainability strategy, environmental management, emissions reduction, climate change and policy deployment across various sectors and geographies in the world. His work experience includes working with Steel Authority of India Ltd, URS Greiner Woodward-Clyde, Australia, Lloyd's Register, UK and Aditya Birla Group before joining the JSW Group as the CSO. A prominent voice for sustainable business practices, he has been awarded as one of the most impactful sustainability leader by the world sustainability and best sustainability officer by SEEM National Sustainability Awards 2023. He provides thought leadership through his capacity as the Chairman / Vice Chair / member of Various Climate Change, Environment and Sustainability committees of Industry bodies like WBCSD, Worldsteel, WMBC, Indian Steel Association, CII, FICCI, ICC, ASSOCHAM, etc. He is a member of the Stakeholder Council, a governance body of

Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and Operating Committee (OpCo) of World Business Council for Sustainable Business (WBCSD), a professional lead assessor registered with IRCA, UK and EPD Verifier as per The International EPD System. Mr. Acharya holds a Bachelor Degree (BE) in Civil Engineering (Hons) from IGIT, Utkal University, a Masters in Technology (MTech) in Environmental Engineering from IIT, Kharagpur, India and Advanced Strategic Leadership course from Brown University, USA.



Abhinay Lakhmapure

Chief Business Officer - Sustainability, The Shakti Plastic Industries

Abhinay Lakhmapure is the Chief Business Officer – Sustainability at The Shakti Plastic Industries (since 1969), India's largest plastic recycler and waste management company. With nearly a decade of cross-industry experience, he specializes in Plastic Waste Management, EPR Compliances, Circular Economy, and IEC activities. He holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Packaging, a Bachelor's in Printing Engineering and Graphics Communication, and a Diploma in Packaging Technology. Past Experiences : Packaging Operations, Packaging Development, Quality Management in Food Industry (Edible Oil), Pharmaceutical and Cosmetics, Newspaper Industry and Flexi Tube Manufacturing.

Abhinay has represented the plastics recycling fraternity as a speaker and panelist at various national and international forums. He actively participates in advisory roles at association-level meetings with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) at both state and central levels. He also contributes as an industry expert in education board meetings focused on syllabus revisions. With a passion for sustainable innovation, Abhinay drives business strategies that transform waste into value, while leading impactful initiatives across the waste management ecosystem at Shakti Plastic.



Prof. Vikram Vishal

Professor and Convener, National Centre of Excellence in CCUS, IIT Bombay, Co-founder and CEO, UrjanovaC

Prof. Vikram Vishal serves as a Professor in the Department of Earth Sciences, and the Centre for Climate Studies, at IIT Bombay. His academic journey includes various roles at MIT, Stanford University, Monash University, IIT Roorkee, IIT Bhubaneswar along with professional stints at Tata Steel and Shell. He is the Convener of the DST-National Centre of Excellence in Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS), Director and Professor in charge of the IIT Bombay Research Park, and is also the founder and CEO of UrjanovaC Private Limited - a clean energy

and net-zero solutions company. Prof. Vishal specializes in decarbonization, energy transition and enhanced energy recovery. He engages as a CCUS Expert and a Knowledge Partner to lead Indian industries, multiple ministries and chairs the Committee on CCUS at the Bureau of Indian Standards. He also serves as the key National Expert on CCUS and carbon dioxide removal (CDR) for intergovernmental negotiations at the IPCC. Prof. Vishal holds recognition from all major science academies in India. A university gold medallist, three-time national award and two-time Fulbright fellowship recipient, he has authored over a hundred scientific research publications, a dozen national and international S&T roadmaps, over a dozen national and international policy and research roadmaps, and has received five patents.



Sumit Issar

**MD & CEO, Mahindra Accelo Ltd. and Mahindra Steel Service Centre Ltd.
Director, CERO (Mahindra MSTC Recycling Pvt. Ltd.), Board Member,
Mahindra Auto Steel Pvt. Ltd., Mahindra Middle East, and PT Mahindra
Auto Steel Indonesia**

Sumit Issar is the Managing Director and CEO of Mahindra Accelo Ltd. and Mahindra Steel Service Centre Ltd., and as Director at Mahindra MSTC Recycling Pvt. Ltd. (CERO)—India’s first authorized vehicle recycling facility. He is also a board member of Mahindra Auto Steel Pvt. Ltd., Mahindra Middle East, and PT Mahindra Auto Steel Indonesia.

A Mechanical Engineer (Hons.) from Birla Institute of Technology and a postgraduate in Marketing, Sumit brings nearly 30 years of leadership experience across Sales, Marketing, Sourcing, and Supply Chain Management. He has completed advanced leadership programs at Harvard Business School, IMD Lausanne, Yale School of Management, and IIM Bangalore, and is an alumnus of Mahindra Group’s Future Leadership Program. Since joining Mahindra in 1995, Sumit has held diverse roles and led transformative initiatives, including digital innovation, global joint ventures, and strategic expansion into Automotive, Mobility, and Energy sectors. Under his leadership, Mahindra Accelo has been evolving into a future-ready enterprise. Sumit has been recognized with the CEO with HR Orientation Award (Malaysia Best Employer Brand Awards 2016) and the Next Generation Leader Award (Manufacturing Today Awards 2016).



Sandeep Kumar Mohanty

PwC, Partner - Sustainability Transformation, iBT, One Consulting

Sandeep is a seasoned leader in sustainability and climate strategy, with over 15 years of experience driving impactful solutions for businesses navigating the complexities of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) priorities. As a Partner at PwC, Sandeep works with global

organizations to integrate sustainability into their core business strategies, enabling long-term growth while addressing critical challenges such as climate change, resource efficiency, and stakeholder engagement. With a deep understanding of diverse industries—including energy, manufacturing, pharma, technology, and financial services—Sandeep brings a unique ability to align environmental goals with business objectives. He specializes in helping clients transition to net-zero pathways, design circular economy models, and embed ESG metrics into decision-making processes. In the realm of sustainable finance, Sandeep has guided clients in unlocking green investments, aligning portfolios with ESG benchmarks, and leveraging financial instruments to drive impact. He has also been instrumental in advancing nature-based solutions, collaborating with stakeholders to restore ecosystems, enhance biodiversity, and integrate regenerative practices into business operations. A trusted advisor to C-suite executives and boards, Sandeep has a track record of delivering measurable impact, including achieving emissions reductions, unlocking green investments, and fostering innovation in sustainable operations. Passionate about thought leadership, Sandeep frequently speaks at industry conferences, contributes to leading publications, and mentors emerging leaders in sustainability. Sandeep holds a post graduate degree in management from Xavier Institute of Management Bhubaneswar.



Surya Valluri
Chief Sustainability Officer- Grasim Industries Limited

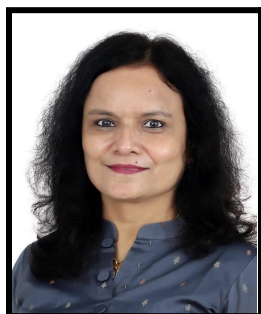
Bachelors in Chemical Engineering and Master of Business Administration (MBA) Graduate.

With over 34 years of experience in manufacturing and supply chain domain, Surya Valluri has worked across Manmade Fibre, Synthetic Fibre, Steel, Logistics and Cement sectors across geographies, India, Thailand and China. Equipped with proficient functional knowledge, project commissioning, Business Development, heading P&L, Planning & Budgeting and Sustainability.

A passionate professional for environment and sustainability, where he has worked in many hard to abet industries for which he has contributed significantly towards sustainability. Keen interest in turnaround of businesses with sustainability focus, leadership development. During his tenure at UltraTech Cement Co, Ltd as sustainability head, company has signed EP-100, conducted Bio- diversity studies and implemented management plans, Started journey towards water positivity. Conducted water table study with help of ICRISAT and started projects on water shed management at two of most water critical plant location in coordination with NABARD. Also played crucial role in GCCA (Global cement and Concrete association) formulation and drafting the charter for the association along with global cement industry partners.

Under his leadership as CSO, Grasim Industries, flagship company of Aditya Birla Group has seen significant transformation in its ESG journey and has been recognised for the same by various rating agencies, financial institutions and investor communities. Surya was instrumental in

Grasim's Sustainability Linked Loan from International Finance Corporation (IFC). Chief Sustainability Officer, Grasim Industries.



Dr. Neeru Bansal
Chief Sustainability Officer, Cement Business, Adani Group

Dr. Neeru Bansal is Chief Sustainability Officer for Cement Business of Adani Group. She is responsible for driving climate change and sustainability initiatives in the business and ensures ESG compliance with statutory requirements and global disclosure frameworks and Rating agencies. She steers Sustainability Reports for Ambuja and ACC covering Business narrative and performance on key KPIs related to sustainability and climate change. Prior to joining Adani, she had worked for 13 years with the environmental regulator (Gujarat Pollution Control Board) and in academia for more than a decade.



Pratibha Dewett
Chief Sustainability Officer, Lucro Plastecycle

Pratibha is the Chief Sustainability officer at t Lucro Plastecycle, one of India's pioneering plastics recycling companies, with a focus on flexible plastics. With deep experience in enabling recycled-content packaging, building traceability in supply chains, and shaping responsible waste management practices, Pratibha works closely with industry, government, and civil society to advance India's transition towards a resource-efficient and circular economy.



Nishtha Gupta
Group Head - Sustainability & ESG, Suzlon Energy Limited

Ms. Nishtha Gupta has been working towards helping organizations for the past 16 years for Sustainability transformation, ESG journey, Product Stewardship, Biodiversity Management, Responsible Sourcing, Carbon Neutrality and Circular Economy Principles. She has been instrumental in driving Sustainability at her own organization and providing guidance to various domestic and international clients for Sustainability implementation support, monitoring and technical workshops. Presently, she is working as Group Head-Sustainability and ESG at Suzlon . She has worked previously at Bureau Veritas, Investcorp, AECOM, TUV SUD South Asia and Reliance Power. Her significant contributions include working as Chair-ESG Committee, TIC Council (based in Brussels, Belgium) and Technical Committee member for BIS Working Groups for preparation of ESG Reporting Standards. Due

to her significant contributions in shaping society as a whole, she has received many awards and accolades which also include most prestigious title of “Global Sustainability Professional of the Year, 2025”, “ET Edge Top 100 Chief Sustainability Officers of 2025”, “Trailblazer Women Leadership Award in Renewable/Sustainability, 2025”, “Sustainability Leader of the Year, 2024”, “Most Impactful Sustainability Leader, 2024”, “Inspirational Woman Leader, 2024”, “National Excellence Award for Sustainability Professional, 2024”, “Sustainability Leader of the Year, 2023” and “Most Impactful Sustainability Leader, 2023. She has done M.Sc in Water Resources Management from TERI University, India and has worked in Industry, Consulting as well with Private Equity firm for Sustainability implementation across entire lifecycle of products and services. She possess experience of working in projects of diverse magnitude across various sectors which include Power Plants, Mining, Renewable Projects, Cement, Infrastructure, Hospitality, CRZ, Consumer Products etc. She has played an instrumental role in advisory support and capacity building for organizations, industrial conglomerates and investors. She has been providing support in using Sustainability as a strategic tool to focus on business excellence, risk management, benchmarking performance with peers and delivering an impact on environment, economy and society. Her pivotal role on driving sustainability excellence at organizational level and that for suppliers; driving practical solution-oriented approach for Net Zero and Circularity is admired by peers, clients and PSUs.

