

**4<sup>th</sup> Edition of CII Conference on Climate Change & Water Connect**  
***“Moving from Risks to Resilience for a Water Secure Future”***  
**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024: Silver Oak Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi**

**Programme**

0900 hrs	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>1000 - 1100 hrs</b>	<b>Inaugural Session</b>	
1000 – 1010 hrs	Welcome and Theme Address	<b>Mr Deepak Kumar Arora</b> Conference Chairman and President Nayara Energy Private Ltd
1010 – 1020 hrs	Address	<b>Mr Ravi Singh</b> Member, Advisory Board CII Water Institute & Secretary General and CEO WWF-India
1020 – 1030 hrs	Address	<b>Dr D S Pai</b> Head - Environment Monitoring and Research Center (EMRC), India Meteorological Department, Government of India
1030 – 1035 hrs	<b><i>Release of Compendium on “Water for Climate Neutrality” – Good Practices by India Inc</i></b>	
1035 – 1050 hrs	Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest	<b>H.E. Mr. Kimmo Lähdevirta</b> <b>Ambassador of Finland to India</b>
1050 – 1100 hrs	Concluding Remarks & Vote of Thanks	<b>Dr Kapil K Narula</b> CEO & Executive Director CII Water Institute
1100 – 1130 hrs	<b>Tea &amp; Networking</b>	

<b>1130 – 1300 hrs</b>	<b>Session 1 : Climate Risks and Water Security</b>	
	<p><i>Climate change is now a well-recognised risk to water security. Making climate-resilient progress on water security to secure safe water for all necessitates a more coordinated and results-driven approach. This session will focus on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Integrating the approach on water, ecosystems and climate to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</i></li> <li>• <i>Finance and resilient infrastructure.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Driving transformation from a water crisis to a water-secure future</i></p>	
<b>1130 – 1140 hrs</b>	<b>Context Setting and Session Moderation by</b>	<p><b>Mr Avinash Mishra</b> Former Adviser – Water &amp; Land Resources NITI Aayog Government of India</p>
<b>1140 – 1300 hrs</b>	<p><b><i>Panel Discussion</i></b></p> <p><b>Mr Harish Kumar Varma</b> Executive Director International Commission on Irrigation &amp; Drainage</p> <p><b>Ms Shilpa Nischal</b> Principal Counsellor CII Water Institute</p> <p><b>Mr Sundeep</b> Scientist F Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change</p> <p><b>Mr Suresh Babu</b> Director - Rivers Wetlands and Water Policy WWF</p> <p><b>Dr Victor R. Shinde</b> Lead-Water and Environment National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)</p> <p><b>Mr Vinay Chataraju</b> Co-founder Kritsnam Technologies</p> <p><i>Interaction and open discussion</i></p>	
<b>1300 – 1400 hrs</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>	

<b>1400 - 1545 hrs</b>	<b>Session 2: Water for Climate Neutrality – Good Practices, building resilience and ecosystem restoration.</b>	
	<i>In the contemporary context, strategies prioritizing water resources management in ways that contribute to combating climate change and achieving carbon neutrality will be critical. This session will show case the various initiatives that demonstrated the fundamental role of water management in the broader strategy towards climate neutrality.</i>	
<b>1400 – 1410 hrs</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<b>Mr Deepak Kumar Arora</b> Conference Chairman and President Nayara Energy Private Ltd
<b>1410 – 1535 hrs</b>	<p><b>Mr L Prabhakar</b> Executive Vice President and Head - Social Investments ITC Limited</p> <p><b>Mr Navdeep Singh Mehram</b> Vice President- CSR &amp; Sustainability DIAGEO India</p> <p><b>Mr Vishal C Sathe</b> Ion Exchange (India) Limited</p> <p><b>Mr Rajesh Ayapilla</b> Director, CSR &amp; Sustainability Coca-Cola India</p> <p><i>Interaction and open discussion</i></p>	
<b>1535 – 1545 hrs</b>	<b>Summing up &amp; Concluding Remarks</b>	<b>Mr Deepak Kumar Arora</b>
<b>1545 hrs</b>	<b>Tea and Close</b>	

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