



Press Release

ESG Research Foundation Organised ESG Conference 2024 and 2nd Prithvi Awards in New Delhi

New Delhi, India – The ESG Research Foundation is thrilled to share hosting of the ESG Conference 2024, which took place on September 14th at the Hotel The Ashok, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi. This premier event brought together global leaders, industry experts, and forward-thinking professionals to explore and advance Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices.

Chief Guest : CA Suresh Prabhu, Former Union Minister & Parliamentarian

Guests of Honour:

Mr. Rajiv Kumar, Former Vice Chairman Niti Ayog, Govt. of India

CA. Sandeep Kr. Gupta, CMD, GAIL India Ltd.

Sh. M V Rao, CMD of Central Bank of India & Chairman, IA

Actor Vivek Oberoi, renowned Environmental Activist

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Justice Vineet Kothari, Former Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court

Sh. Parveen Garg, IAS (Retd.) Former Special Secretary Ministry of Environment, GOI.

ESG Conference 2024: Charting the Path Forward

Themed “Integrating ESG for a Sustainable Future,” the Global ESG Conference 2024 aimed to foster dialogue and collaboration on the latest trends, challenges, and innovations in ESG. The conference featured an impressive lineup of keynote speakers, panel discussions, and interactive workshops designed to address critical issues and showcase best practices.

Key highlights of the conference include:

- **Keynote Addresses:** Heard eminent leaders such as CA Suresh Prabhu, Former Union Minister & Parliamentarian, Mr. Rajiv Kumar, Former Vice Chairman Niti Ayog, GoI, CA. Sandeep Kr. Gupta, CMD, GAIL India Ltd., Sh. M V Rao, CMD of Central Bank of India & Chairman, IBA, Actor Vivek Oberoi, renowned environmental activist, Dr. Justice Vineet Kothari, Former Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court, and Sh. Parveen Garg, IAS (Retd.) Former Special Secretary Ministry of Environment, GOI.
- **Thematic Panels:** Engage in-depth discussions on topics including climate action strategies, social equity and inclusion, corporate governance reforms, and sustainable finance.

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- **Workshops and Breakout Sessions:** Participate in hands-on workshops focused on practical ESG strategies, innovative solutions, and case studies from diverse industries.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with fellow professionals, thought leaders, and policymakers to share insights and build valuable relationships.

Highlights and Focus Areas

The conference addressed several key areas critical to advancing ESG practices:

- **Climate Action and Resilience:** Exploring innovative approaches to mitigate climate risks and build resilience in business operations.
- **Social Impact and Inclusion:** Strategies for enhancing social responsibility and promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within organizations.
- **Governance and Accountability:** Examining best practices for transparent governance and ethical business conduct.
- **Investment Trends:** Analysing the evolving landscape of sustainable investments and their impact on global markets.

Special Launch:

1. **Sustainability Pledge –** ESG Research Foundation initiated a concept of developing sustainability Warriors who will take pledge to follow best practices to save planet and climate. Already more than 3000+ citizen took the pledge and now various corporates joining hand with ESG Research Foundation to spread awareness. The foundation has a target to engage more than 1 million citizens in the same program.
2. **Awareness Program in Schools –** ESG Research Foundation also imparted awareness to more than 10,000 students nationwide last year about sustainable practices so that they can spread awareness in their communities. A coffee book of initiatives taken was launched on this occasion.
3. **Short Inspirational Movie –** ESG Research Foundation also launched a short movie to spread awareness on importance to save water on the occasion.

Prithvi Awards

The ESG Research Foundation also organised the second edition of Prithvi Awards 2024, a distinguished accolade celebrating outstanding achievements in Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices. The awards ceremony took place along with ESG Global Conference on 14th September 2024 at Hotel The Ashok New Delhi.

Prithvi Awards 2024: Recognizing Excellence in ESG

The Prithvi Awards, named after the Sanskrit term for Earth, embody the ESG Research Foundation's commitment to recognizing and honouring those who have made significant contributions to sustainable development and ethical business practices. These awards are a

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testament to the dedication of individuals and organizations that strive to make a positive impact on our planet and society.

Award Categories

The Prithvi Awards 2024 featured several categories, each highlighting different aspects of ESG excellence:

- **Best Environmental Initiative by Corporates:** Recognizing organizations that have made exceptional strides in environmental sustainability, including climate action and resource conservation.
- **Outstanding Social Impact by NPO/SHG/Individuals:** Celebrating initiatives that have significantly improved social equity, community engagement, and employee welfare.
- **Excellence in Corporate Governance through CSR :** Honouring organizations that have demonstrated superior governance practices, transparency, and ethical business conduct in CSR Activities.
- **Innovative ESG Leadership through Start-ups :** Acknowledging leaders who have pioneered groundbreaking approaches in ESG integration and sustainability.

Event Highlights

- **Awards Ceremony:** The evening featured the presentation of awards to winners across various categories, with inspiring speeches and presentations from the recipients.
- **Keynote Address:** Delivered by a prominent figure in the ESG field, offering insights into the future of sustainable development and ethical leadership.
- **Networking Reception:** An opportunity for attendees to engage with award winners, industry leaders, and peers in a celebratory setting.

Nomination and Selection Process

Nominations for the Prithvi Awards 2024 were open to organizations, NPO, SHG, Start-ups and individuals globally. A distinguished panel of judges, comprising industry experts, academics, and ESG practitioners, reviewed the nominations and selected the winners based on their impact, innovation, and leadership in ESG practices.

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