



एकम dialogues
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**Building Regional Resilience for
India's Resource-Rich Heartlands**



AGENDA

8 - 9 April 2026 | Ranchi, Jharkhand



Agenda

Dates: 8th & 9th April, 2026

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Ranchi, Jharkhand

8 April Day 1: Anchors & Architects of Resilience - Vision & Voices of the Heartland	
Time	Session
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Registration of Delegates
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Samvaad 1 Inaugural Plenary: "Oneness in Action: Reimagining India's Resource Heartlands" Venue: GBR Hall, Ground Floor
2:10 PM - 2:20 PM	Lighting of the lamp to inaugurate Ekam Dialogues
	Release of Coffee-table book, "Echoes of Ekam: सम्मान के स्वर"
	Ekam Video Playback
2:20 PM - 2:30 PM	Welcome Address Shri Ramapati Kumar Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Center for Environment and Energy Development (CEED)
2:30 PM - 2:40 PM	Address by Special Guest Shri Sameer Shisodia Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Rainmatter Foundation Bengaluru, Karnataka
2:40 PM - 2:50 PM	Address by Special Guest Shri Jagadananda Mentor and Co-Founder Center for Youth and Social Development (CYSD) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
2:50 PM - 3:00 PM	Address by Guest of Honour Shri Arun Kumar Pandey, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) and Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW) Government of Chhattisgarh

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3:00 PM - 3:10 PM	Special Address by Guest of Honour Shri Ajay Kumar Rastogi, IFS (Retd.) Chairman Task Force - Sustainable Just Transition and Green Hydrogen Mission, Government of Jharkhand
3:10 PM - 3:20 PM	Keynote Address by the Guest of Honour Shri Sanjeev Kumar, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) and Head of Forest Force (HoFF) Government of Jharkhand
3:20 PM - 3:35 PM	Address by the Chief Guest Shri Sanjay Seth Hon'ble Minister of State for Defence Government of India
3:35 PM - 3:40 PM	Vote of Thanks Dr. Devyani Sharma Associate Director - Climate Center for Environment and Energy Development (CEED)
3:40 PM - 4:00 PM	Tea Break



Time	Session
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	<p>Samvaad 2</p> <p>Stewards of Resilience - Celebrating Community Wisdom and Action through EKAM Samman</p> <p>Venue: GBR Hall, Ground Floor</p> <p>Arvind Kumar Thakur Director - Research and Knowledge Management Center for Environment and Energy Development (CEED)</p> <p>Shrishty Pallav Director - Policy and Partnerships Center for Environment Energy Development (CEED)</p> <p>Shri Ravi Ranjan, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Jharkhand</p> <p>Dr. Arta Trana Mishra, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Executive Director Wasteland Development Board (WLDB), Government of Jharkhand</p> <p>Shri Sanjeev Kumar, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) and Head of Forest Force (HoFF), Government of Jharkhand</p> <p>Shri Rajendra Singh 'Water Man of India' Founder, Tarun Bharat Sangh Alwar, Rajasthan</p>
4:05 PM - 4:10 PM	<p>Presentation about Ekam Samman</p> <p>Shrishty Pallav Director - Policy and Partnerships Center for Environment Energy Development (CEED)</p>
4:10 PM - 4:35 PM	<p>Felicitation of Padma Shri Awardees</p> <p>Shri Anup Ranjan Pandey Dr. Budhri Tati Smt. Chami Murmu Smt. Chhutni Devi Dr. Damayanti Besra Smt. Jamuna Tudu Shri Madhu Mansuri Hasmukh Shri Mahavir Nayak Shri Mukund Nayak Smt. Phoolbasan Bai Yadav Smt. Rajkumari Devi</p>

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4:35 PM - 5:25 PM	<p>Ekam Samman: Celebrating Architects of Change</p> <p>Aparna Kumari (Jharkhand) Ashok Kumar Raut (Odisha) Bhaurao Godbole (Chhattisgarh) Damodar Kashyap (Chhattisgarh) Dr. Manoj Kumar (Jharkhand) Draupadi Devi (Bihar) Francis Munda (Jharkhand) Jhumuk Lal Merawi (Chhattisgarh) Kalawati Kashyap (Chhattisgarh) Lekesh Bai Jain (Chhattisgarh) Lokanath Nauri (Odisha) Mahadev Mahto (Jharkhand) Neelima Mishra (Odisha) Prabhat Kumar Mahato (Jharkhand) Prabhat Mishra (Chhattisgarh) Raimati Ghuria (Odisha) Rajendra Baghel (Chhattisgarh) Ravi Kumar Singh (Chhattisgarh) Sangita Devi (Jharkhand) Sanjay Kacchap (Jharkhand) Shibani Padhy (Odisha) Shyam Lal Rajwaade (Chhattisgarh) Subham Kumar (Bihar) Surendra Prasad Singh (Jharkhand) Tarun Kumar (Jharkhand) Upendra Pandey and Sona Pandey (Jharkhand) Virendra Singh (Chhattisgarh)</p>
	<p>Felicitation of Smt. Punita Kumari (Honouring the Hands That Created Ekam Samman)</p>
	<p>Congratulatory Address</p> <p>Shri Sanjeev Kumar, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) and Head of Forest Force (HoFF), Government of Jharkhand</p>
	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Shri Rajendra Singh 'Water Man of India' Founder, Tarun Bharat Sangh Alwar, Rajasthan</p>
5:25 PM - 5:30 PM	<p>Vote of Thanks</p> <p>Arvind Kumar Thakur Director- Research and Development Center for Environment Energy Development (CEED)</p>
7:00 PM onwards	<p>EKAM Evening – The Cultural Confluence Venue: Aura, Pool Side</p>

9 April | Day 2: Bridging Samvaad and Nirmaan – Conversations, Collaboration and Collective Action

Time	Session
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	<p>Reflections from Day 1 & Programme Flow for Day 2</p> <p>Arvind Kumar Thakur Director- Research and Development Center for Environment Energy Development (CEED) Venue: GBR Hall, Ground Floor</p>
10:00 AM - 11:30AM	<p>Samvaad 3</p> <p>Journeys in Resilience – Voices from the Ground</p> <p>Venue: GBR Hall, Ground Floor</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Johnson Topno Executive Director - PHIA Foundation Ranchi, Jharkhand</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Subham Kumar River Conservator & Founder, Being Helper Foundation Patna, Bihar</p> <p>Bhaurao Godbole Biodiversity Conservator Bastar, Chhattisgarh</p> <p>Amulya Pratap Lakra Kisan Sathi Foundation Sundargarh, Odisha</p> <p>Dr. Manoj Kumar Environmentalist Hazaribagh, Jharkhand</p> <p>Aparna Kumari Clean Energy Entrepreneur Bokaro, Jharkhand</p> <p>Lekesh Bai Farmer and Organic Agriculture Practitioner Kanker, Chhattisgarh</p>
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Tea Break



Time	Session
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	<p>Samvaad 4</p> <p>Resilience in Practice – From Local Action to Larger Change</p> <p>Venue: GBR Hall, Ground Floor</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Rekha Kumari Member, Kaushalya Foundation Patna, Bihar</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Phoolbasan Bai Yadav Padma Shri Awardee Social Worker, Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh</p> <p>Rajkumari Devi (Popularly known as Kisan Chachi) Padma Shri Awardee Farmer, Muzaffarpur, Bihar</p> <p>Pankaj Roy Agripreneur & Farmer Educator Ranchi, Jharkhand</p> <p>Muneshwar Prasad Sinha Founder and National Convenor - Ahar Pyne Bachao Abhiyan Bihar</p> <p>Rambriksh Murmu Mukhiya, Gomia Bokaro, Jharkhand</p> <p>Dr. Mohammad Imran Ali, State Facilitator of the National Coalition for Natural Farming Odisha Chapter and Co-founder, Salaam Jeevan, Odisha</p>
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	Lunch Break



Thematic Dialogue Forums Block | Parallel Sessions

Time	Session
2:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Samvaad 5 Systems that Sustain: Scalable Impact through Effective Governance Venue: GBR Hall, Ground Floor
	Moderator
	Jagadananda Mentor & Co-Founder, Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
	Speakers
	Shri Ravi Ranjan, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, Jharkhand
	Dr. Arta Trana Mishra, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Executive Director cum WLDB, Ranchi, Jharkhand
	Shri Arun Kumar Pandey, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, Chhattisgarh
	Dr. Aseem Prakash Campus Director Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad, Telangana
	Dr. Piyush Kant Pandey Vice Chancellor Amity University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
	Pradeep Kumar Hazari Former Special Secretary Dept. of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperatives Government of Jharkhand
	Dr. Sunil Kumar Gupta Lead Researcher - Center for Studies on Environment & Climate ADRI, Patna, Bihar



Time	Session
2:15 PM – 3:30 PM	<p>Samvaad 6</p> <p>Governed by the Ground: Building Community Led Resilience</p> <p>Venue: Aura, Pool Side</p>
	<p>Moderator</p>
	<p>Richa Chaudhary Programme Technical Advisor: Policy and Partnership PHIA Foundation, Ranchi, Jharkhand</p>
	<p>Speakers</p>
	<p>Dr. Budhri Tati Padma Shri Awardee Tribal Social Reformer, Dantewada, Chhattisgarh</p>
	<p>Francis Munda Grassroots Social Worker West Singhbhum, Jharkhand</p>
	<p>Sanjay Kacchap Educator Jamshedpur, Jharkhand</p>
	<p>Shelly Kerketta General Manager, Mlinda Charitable Trust Gumla, Jharkhand</p>
	<p>Anita Shil Team Coordinator-Projects, PRADAN Patna, Bihar</p>
	<p>Gulab Chandra Prajapati Director, Panch Sutra Foundation Bokaro, Jharkhand</p>
	<p>Bimal Lakra Tribal Social Entrepreneur Rourkela, Odisha</p>



Time	Session
2:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Samvaad 7
	Culture as Living Wisdom: Knowledge, Identity and Local Enterprise
	Venue – Hibiscus, Business Center (BC) level
	Moderator
	Ashish Satyavrat Sahu Fashion Designer & Founder – Johargram Ranchi, Jharkhand
	Speakers
	Anup Ranjan Pandey Padma Shri Awardee Cultural Artist, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
	Aruna Tirkey Tribal Cuisine Researcher and Food Entrepreneur Ranchi, Jharkhand
	Avinash Karn Madhubani Painting Artist Madhubani, Bihar
	Lipsa Hembram Tribal Fashion Entrepreneur Bhubaneswar, Odisha
	Gaurav Anand Sustainability Entrepreneur & Social Innovator Ranchi, Jharkhand
	Manoj Konbegi Vice President, Hockey Jharkhand Simdega, Jharkhand
Amitava Ghosh Founder & President, Kalamandir Jamshedpur, Jharkhand	
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Tea Break



Time	Session
3:45 PM – 5:15 PM	<p>Samvaad 8</p> <p>People Centric Transition Pathways: Powering a Resilient and Low-Carbon Heartland</p> <p>Venue: Aura, Pool side, Fitness Center (FC) Level</p>
	<p>Moderator</p>
	<p>Tirthankar Mandal Associate Director - Energy WRI India, Bengaluru, Karnataka</p>
	<p>Speakers</p>
	<p>Ashwani Ashok Director - Just Transition Center for Environment and Energy Development (CEED)</p>
	<p>Vivek Chandran Founding Partner and Executive Director, Sustainable Solutions for Living (SoSuL), Bengaluru, Karnataka</p>
	<p>Abhishek Anand Scientist 'D', India Meteorological Department Ranchi, Jharkhand</p>
	<p>Subhendu Goswami Assistant Vice President - Business Development Husk Power Systems, Patna, Bihar</p>
	<p>Nivit Kumar Yadav Programme Director, Sustainable Industrialisation and Renewable Energy Unit, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), Delhi</p>
	<p>Puneet Khandelwal Programme Head – Utilities & Finance, Energy WRI India, Rajasthan</p>
	<p>Mayuree Bankar Associate Practitioner, Transform Rural India Ranchi, Jharkhand</p>



Time	Session
3:45 PM – 5:15 PM	<p>Samvaad 9</p> <p>Aligning Finance with the Future: Pathways for Resilient Development</p> <p>Venue: Hibiscus, Business Center (BC) level</p>
	<p>Moderator</p>
	<p>Pamli Deka Programme Head – Energy Transition Finance WRI India, Bengaluru, Karnataka</p>
	<p>Speakers</p>
	<p>Gaurav Upadhyay Energy Finance Specialist, India Sustainable Finance, Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA), Delhi</p>
	<p>Shrishty Pallav Director, Policy and Partnerships Center for Environment Energy Development (CEED)</p>
	<p>Labanya Prakash Jena, CFA Director - Climate and Sustainability Initiative (CSI) Delhi</p>
	<p>Dr. Harishwar Dayal Associate Professor (Economics), St. Xavier's College Ranchi, Jharkhand</p>
	<p>Sameer Shisodia Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Rainmatter Foundation, Bengaluru, Karnataka</p>



Time	Session
3:45 PM – 5:15 PM	<p>Samvaad 10</p> <p>Shaping the Narrative: Media, Storytelling & Public Perception</p> <p>Venue: GBR, Ground Floor</p>
	<p>Moderator</p>
	<p>Prachur Goel Co-founder & CEO, Momentum Shifts Bengaluru, Karnataka</p>
	<p>Speakers</p>
	<p>Munna Jha Director - State Climate Action Asar Social Impact Advisors, Jharkhand</p>
	<p>Shambhu Nath Chaudhary Senior Journalist and President, Ranchi Press Club Ranchi, Jharkhand</p>
	<p>Himanshu Dwivedi Editor-in-Chief, Haribhoomi Group Raipur, Chhattisgarh</p>
	<p>Anuj Das Climate & Environmental Journalist Bhubaneswar, Odisha</p>
	<p>Antara Bose Founder - The Viral Company Ranchi, Jharkhand</p>
	<p>Aditi Agrawal Lead - Narrative Building, Dasra Mumbai, Maharashtra</p>



Time	Session
5:30 PM – 6:15 PM	<p>Samvaad 11</p> <p>Valedictory Session – Collective Commitments: From Samvaad to Shared Action</p> <p>Venue: GBR Hall, Ground Floor</p>
	<p>Dr. Devyani Sharma Associate Director - Climate Center for Environment Energy Development (CEED)</p>
	<p>Shrishty Pallav Director - Policy and Partnerships Center for Environment Energy Development (CEED)</p>
	<p>Usha Vishwakarma Founder, Red Brigade Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh</p>
	<p>Roshni Khalkho Hon'ble Mayor Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Jharkhand</p>
6:15 PM Onwards	Networking Hi-Tea



