

**RECEIC Global Symposium on Resource Efficiency & Circular Economy
Co-Creating Circular Future: Policy, Partnerships & Implementation Pathways
20-21 April 2026, Hotel Shangri La, New Delhi**

Day 1 – 20 April 2026

09:30-10:00

Registration

India's growth story- Advancing a Green transition through Decarbonization

10.00- 11:00

Inaugural Session

- **Welcome Address** – Mr. Manish Sharma, Chair, RECEIC Steering Committee & Founder, Exploverse
- **Conference Address**- Mr. Puneet Dalmia, Managing Director, Dalmia Bharat Limited*
- **Theme Address**- Dr. Vibhav R. Sanzgiri, Chief R&D Officer and Executive Director, R&D, Hindustan Unilever Limited
- **Special Address**- H.E Herve Delphin, Ambassador of the European Union to India*
- **Keynote Address**- Shri. Suman Bery, Vice Chairperson, NITI Aayog*
- Announcement of winners & felicitation- RECEIC Global Resource Efficiency & Circular Economy Awards
- Report release “Circularity in Textiles & Apparels sector”

Session 1: Material Transition at Scale: Decarbonizing India's Chemical Industry

11:30- 11:50

- Special address by Shri. Rohit Gokhale, Secretary, DBT on “Larger perspective on Bio-based chemicals”
- Introductory remarks by Mr. Rajat Arora, RECEIC Material Transition Working Group Chair & Head of Unilever Home Care R&D in Asia, HUL

11:50- 12:50

Session 1: Material Transition at Scale: Decarbonizing India's Chemical Industry

Session format: Panel discussion

Session brief:

The chemicals sector is widely recognized as one among most challenging to decarbonize, given its dependence on energy intensive processes and fossil-based feedstocks. This session will examine how a transition towards biobased renewable and recycled feedstocks can support the sector in accelerating its pathway to net zero emissions.

The discussion will highlight the role of coalition led action in driving sector wide change, unlocking deep emissions reductions, while positioning India as a global leader in sustainable chemical manufacturing. Such a transition also presents opportunities for largescale employment generation, including the agri sector, increased technology and scale investment, and strengthened R&D innovation, in alignment with India's Panchamrit goals.

Recognizing material transition as a scale challenge, the session will emphasize the importance of techno-economic feasibility, supply chain readiness, and coordinated industry engagement. Key initiatives of the working group will be shared, including progress on a lighthouse project exploring the potential of Used Cooking Oil (UCO) as a renewable carbon feedstock for chemical manufacturing. A detailed report outlining techno-economic assessments and enabling policy measures will be released and discussed. Key initiatives of the working group will be shared, including progress on a lighthouse project exploring the economic assessments and enabling policy measures will be released and discussed.

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	<p><i>The session will call for a broader collaboration, policy and regulatory advancement, and certification frameworks for renewable materials produced in India- for domestic use and global markets- supporting India's ambition to emerge as a global hub for green chemical manufacturing.</i></p>
12:50-13:40	<p>Session 2: Built Infrastructure: Materials, Policy & Design for Circularity</p> <p>Session format: Panel discussion Session brief: <i>India's rapid urbanisation and infrastructure expansion are reshaping the built environment at a fast pace. As demand for built-up area expands, alongside rising cement and steel consumption and rapidly growing cooling needs, the building sector stands at a critical juncture where growth must be carefully aligned with long-term climate and resource sustainability goals. The central climate challenge is not historical emissions, but the risk of future carbon lock-in embedded in today's material, design, and policy choices.</i></p> <p><i>This session will explore how low-carbon materials, resource-efficient design, and circular construction practices can collectively reduce emissions across the building life cycle. It will also examine how green rating systems, building codes, and the Construction and Demolition Waste framework can evolve to integrate life-cycle carbon thinking more systematically. Bringing together industry leaders, developers, researchers, and policymakers, the discussion will identify industry actions and enabling policy pathways needed to align economic growth with sustainability and accelerate India's transition toward a resilient, low-carbon built environment.</i></p>
13:40-14:30	NETWORKING LUNCH
14:30- 15:30	<p>Session 3: Transforming India's Used Oil Ecosystem – Establishing NUOMA</p> <p>Session format: Panel discussion Session Brief: <i>This session will focus on the proposed establishment of a unified national association (NUOMA) for India's used oil ecosystem. Speakers will discuss on governance structure and framework for NUOMA, strengthening collection and traceability in the used oil ecosystem, improving confidence in RRBO quality, and enabling regeneration-first pathways.</i></p> <p><i>The session will outline the proposed roadmap for NUOMA to promote structured and transparent used oil recovery and explore its role in advancing India's circular economy with emphasis on collaboration across PSUs, private industry, and government.</i></p>
15:30- 16:20	<p>Session 4: Making Ecomark Work: Enabling MSMEs in Green Markets</p>

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	<p>Session format: Panel discussion</p> <p>Session brief:</p> <p><i>The Ecomark Rules, 2024 notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change present a strategic opportunity to align environmental ambition with industrial competitiveness. Ecomark seeks to reward products that are less polluting, more resource-efficient, more circular, and safer in material composition. This is essentially a life-cycle-based environmental performance benchmark, not just a compliance label. However, for India’s MSMEs—who form the backbone of manufacturing and exports- ecolabelling must be implementable, affordable, and market-linked to deliver real transformation.</i></p> <p><i>This session will convene policymakers, the Central Pollution Control Board, industry associations, technical experts, and financial institutions to discuss a pragmatic pathway for MSME participation in Ecomark.</i></p> <p><i>Key questions include: How can ecolabel criteria remain rigorous, rooted in science, evidence-based and yet feasible for MSMEs? What institutional mechanisms are required to support cluster-level adoption? How can public procurement, green finance, and export promotion frameworks incentivize uptake?</i></p> <p><i>The session aims to generate actionable recommendations for an inclusive implementation roadmap and build consensus on a partnership framework between government and industry to ensure that Ecomark and other relevant ecolabeling & certification schemes evolve as a credible sustainability signal that enhances MSME competitiveness domestically and globally.</i></p>
16:20- 17:10	<p>Session 5: Packaging Reimagined- Scalable Alternative Solutions for India</p> <p>Session format: Panel discussion</p> <p>Session Brief: <i>This solutions-oriented session will spotlight next-generation packaging models spanning reusable systems, compostable polymers, recyclable mono-materials, and bio-based alternatives.</i></p> <p><i>Industry leaders will address the transition challenges around multilayer plastics, sachets, and flexibles, while innovators will pitch scalable alternatives. Policy experts will unpack EPR 2.0 trajectories, reuse mandates, and global packaging compliance trends shaping India’s packaging future.</i></p>
17:15- 18:00	NETWORKING TEA + CLOSURE DAY 1
Day 2: 21 April 2026	
09:30- 10:00	Registration & Welcome Tea
10:00-10:30	Report release ‘Circularity in Textiles sector’ Keynote Address – Shri. Rohit Kansal, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles*
10:30- 11:20	<p>Session 6: Accelerating Circularity in India’s Textile & Apparel Sector</p> <p>Session format: Panel discussion</p>

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	<p>Session Brief: <i>India's textile and apparel sector is one of the country's largest employers and export engines that sits at a critical inflection point. As global markets tighten sustainability requirements and demand increases for traceable, lower-impact products, circularity is no longer optionality is becoming a competitiveness imperative.</i></p> <p><i>This session marks the release of the RECEIC Textile Circularity Knowledge Paper, which moves beyond high-level ambition to examine why circularity has not yet scaled in India and what must change. Grounded in interviews across the value chain including manufacturers, recyclers, technology providers, waste aggregators, and brands the paper identifies structural bottlenecks and solution pathways.</i></p> <p><i>The discussion will focus on practical, scalable interventions such as standardized grading systems, AI-enabled sorting, viable recycled content integration, predictable offtake mechanisms, and enabling policy frameworks that can unlock circular value chains at scale.</i></p> <p><i>Bringing together industry leaders, policymakers, recyclers, brands, and development partners, the session will aim to move from pilot initiatives to coordinated, system-level action positioning India not just as a textile exporter, but as a global leader in circular textile production and sustainable industrial growth.</i></p>
<p>11:20- 11:45</p>	<p>NETWORKING TEA/ COFFEE</p>
<p>11:45- 12:35</p>	<p>Session 7: Circular Design in Action: Embedding Resource Efficiency Across Product Value Chains</p> <p>Session format: Panel discussion Session Brief: <i>This session will convene cross-sectoral leaders to examine how circularity is being embedded at the product design stage where up to 80% of environmental impact is determined.</i></p> <p><i>The discussion will bring together speakers from diverse industries to showcase how circular design principles are being operationalized within their organizational functions. This includes designing for durability, repairability, modularity, recyclability, material reduction, and safe chemistry. This will also illustrate how circularity must be engineered collaboratively across the value chain. The dialogue will highlight how design decisions influence downstream recovery, secondary material markets, waste management efficiency & explore the role of policy frameworks, eco-design regulations, and standards in driving accountability and measurable circular outcomes.</i></p>
<p>12:35-13:25</p>	<p>Session 8: Beyond Landfills: Reimagining India's Resource Recovery Future</p> <p>Session brief: <i>India's mounting landfill crisis—characterized by legacy dumpsites, land scarcity, and environmental risks—requires urgent systemic action. This session will explore how the revised solid waste framework, 2026 shifts focus from landfill dependence to resource recovery and enforceable compliance. With disposal restricted and remediation</i></p>

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	<p><i>mandated, municipalities and industry must realign strategies. The discussion will prioritize scientific clean-up of legacy waste and scaling Waste-to-Energy (WtE) and RDF within a circular economy framework, fostering dialogue on technology, financing, risk allocation, safeguards, and long-term offtake arrangements.</i></p> <p><i>The panelists will share their perspectives on how municipalities and industry can collaboratively transition to a financially viable, environmentally compliant, and circular resource recovery ecosystem under the new regulatory regime.</i></p> <p><i>The session aims to foster shared clarity among stakeholders on regulatory obligations and potential risk exposure and identify clear action points to systematically reduce landfill dependency while strengthening material recovery systems.</i></p>
13:30- 14:30	NETWORKING LUNCH
14:30- 15:15	<p>Session 9: Critical Minerals</p> <p>Session format: Panel discussion Session brief:</p>
15:15- 16:45	<p>Session 10: Circular Economy Spotlight – Celebrating Innovation and Impact</p> <p>Session brief: <i>This session will showcase inspiring stories of innovation and impact from the winners of the Awards. Award-winning organizations and innovators will present their case studies, highlighting pioneering projects, scalable solutions, and transformative business models that exemplify circular economy principles.</i></p>
16:45 onwards	NETWORKING TEA + CLOSURE DAY 2

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