

**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 & Former Chairman, Panasonic Life Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.
- **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\*
- **Guest of Honor**- Shri. Tanmay Kumar, Secretary, MoEFCC\*
- **Keynote Address**- Shri. Suman Bery, Vice Chairperson, NITI Aayog\*

- Announcement of winners & felicitation- RECEIC Global Resource Efficiency & Circular Economy Awards

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

11:30- 11:50

- Special address by Dr. Rajesh 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 technoeconomic 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*

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	<p><i>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.</i></p> <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> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Bhavna Rathee, Director, Climate, Environment &amp; Sustainability, EY</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Srivats Chaturvedi, Director, Blue Stone Energy Private Limited</li> <li>• Mr. Atul Joshi, General Manager (Process), Desmet India</li> <li>• Mr. Sarvesh Kumar, Executive Director, IOCL*</li> </ul>
12:50-13:40	<p><b>Session 2: Built Infrastructure: Materials, Policy &amp; Design for Circularity</b></p> <p><b>Session format:</b> Panel discussion <b>Session brief:</b> <i>India's rapid urbanization 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> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Arvind Bodhankar, Chief Sustainability Officer, AMNS</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Manoj Rustagi, Chief Sustainability Officer, JSW Cement</li> <li>• Mr. Aun Abdullah, Head- ESG, Lodha group*</li> <li>• Mr. Roland Hunziker, Director, Built Environment, WBCSD*</li> </ul>
13:40-14:30	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>
14:30- 15:30	<p><b>Session 3: Transforming India's Used Oil Ecosystem – Establishing NUOMA</b></p> <p><b>Session format:</b> Panel discussion <b>Session Brief:</b></p>

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*This session will focus on the proposed establishment of a unified national association (NUOMA) for India’s used oil ecosystem. Speakers will discuss 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.*

*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.*

**Moderator:** Mr. Harsh Kapoor, Partner, Deloitte

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Srinivas Ch., Executive Director, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
- Mr. Arijit Basu, Managing Director, Veedol Corporation Ltd.\*
- Mr. Saugata Basuray, Wholetime Director and Interim Chief Executive Officer, Castrol\*

15:30- 16:20

**Session 4: Advancing Eco-labelling in India: Enabling MSMEs for Green Markets**

**Session format: Panel discussion**

**Session brief:**

*Eco-labelling is increasingly being recognized as a key market-based instrument to advance sustainable production and consumption, by enabling informed consumer choice and incentivizing environmentally responsible products. In India, there is a growing policy focus on strengthening eco-labelling frameworks to integrate life-cycle thinking, resource efficiency, and environmental performance into product systems. As India moves toward building a robust eco-labelling ecosystem, it is important that such frameworks are designed to be inclusive, scalable, and aligned with industry, particularly for MSMEs.*

*This session will bring together policymakers, technical experts, multilateral institutions, and industry leaders to deliberate on pathways for developing a credible and inclusive eco-labelling ecosystem in India. The discussion will focus on enabling MSMEs to demonstrate environmental leadership, while addressing practical considerations related to adoption, compliance, and market access.*

*The session aims to generate actionable recommendations for an inclusive implementation roadmap and build consensus on a collaborative framework between government and industry to ensure that ecolabeling & other certification schemes evolve as a credible sustainability signal that enhances MSME competitiveness domestically and globally.*

**Session Chair: Smt. Namita Prasad, Joint Secretary, MoEFCC\***

**Moderator:** Dr. Nimish Shah, General Manager Regulatory Affairs South Asia, Unilever

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Virendra Singh, Head- Environment and Ecology Department (EED) & Scientist- E, BIS\*
- Mr. Octavian Stamate, International Cooperation Officer, DG Environment, European Commission, Brussels\*

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Anindta Mehta, Chief Executive Officer, Consumer Education and Research Centre (CERC) &amp; Vice President, Consumers International*</li> </ul>
16:20- 17:10	<p><b>Session 5: Circular Packaging at Scale: Bridging Innovation and Market Adoption</b></p> <p><b>Session format: Panel Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Session Brief:</b></p> <p>Packaging represents one of the most material-intensive and waste-generating segments of the economy, making it a priority focus for circular transition efforts. While innovations in biopolymers, bio-based materials, and sustainable packaging solutions are advancing rapidly, their large-scale adoption remains constrained by challenges related to cost competitiveness, infrastructure readiness, and policy alignment.</p> <p>Biomanufacturing presents a transformative opportunity to develop next-generation materials, reduces dependence on fossil-based inputs, and enable more sustainable production systems. However, unlocking this potential requires a coordinated approach integrating technological innovation with enabling policy frameworks, harmonized standards, and strong, consistent market demand.</p> <p>This panel brings together stakeholders across the value chain including material innovators, manufacturers, brands, and policymakers to deliberate on the key barriers to scaling sustainable packaging, the policy support needed to enable biomanufacturing, and the practicality of current standards and certifications in the Indian context, with the aim of identifying actionable pathways to move from innovation to large-scale adoption.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Souvik Bhattacharjya, Sr. Fellow and Associate Director, Resource Efficiency and Governance Division, TERI*</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Sunder Balakrishnan, Country Head, Natur Tec India &amp; Secretary, ICPA</li> <li>Mr. Deepten Chatterjee, Head-Corporate Affairs, TetraPak</li> <li>Ms. Pallavi MB, Senior Manager- Corporate Sustainability &amp; Policy Advocacy, SABIC</li> <li>Ms. Sayali Thakare, Manager- Strategy &amp; Business Development- Bioplastics</li> </ul>
17:15- 18:00	<b>NETWORKING TEA + CLOSURE DAY 1</b>
<b>Day 2: 21 April 2026</b>	
09:30- 10:00	<b>Registration &amp; Welcome Tea</b>
10:00-10:30	<p><b>Inaugural Session</b></p> <p><b>Report release 'Circularity in Textiles sector'</b></p> <p><b>Keynote Address</b> – Shri. Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles*</p> <p><b>Global Perspective-</b> Mr. Mika Sulkionja, Leading Specialist, Carbon Neutral Circular Economy, SITRA &amp; Coordinator, World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF)</p>

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10:30- 11:20	<p><b>Session 6: Accelerating Circularity in India’s Textile &amp; Apparel Sector</b></p> <p><b>Session format:</b> Panel discussion <b>Session Brief:</b> <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><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Sundeep Singh, Managing Director, Accenture</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Naresh Tyagi, Chief Sustainability Officer, Aditya Birla Fashion &amp; Retail Limited</li> <li>• Dr. Rachna Arora, Director, Climate Change &amp; Circular Economy, GIZ</li> <li>• Mr. Ramakrishnan Sabhari Girish, Chief Sustainability Officer, Sulochana Mills</li> <li>• Mr. Alok Mishra, President &amp; Group Head- Sustainability, Welspun India*</li> </ul>
11:20- 11:45	<b>NETWORKING TEA/ COFFEE</b>
11:45- 12:35	<p><b>Session 7: Circular Design in Action: Embedding Resource Efficiency Across Product Value Chains</b></p> <p><b>Session format:</b> Panel discussion <b>Session Brief:</b> <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 &amp; explore the role of policy</i></p>

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	<p><i>frameworks, eco-design regulations, and standards in driving accountability and measurable circular outcomes.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Anirban Ghosh, Head- Centre for Sustainability, Mahindra University</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Deeksha Vats, Chief Sustainability Officer, Aditya Birla Group</li> <li>• Ms. Frida Svärdbby, Quality &amp; Sustainability Manager IKEA Services India Pvt Ltd</li> <li>• Ms. Vibha Mehra, Vice President, Government Relations (APAC), Nokia</li> <li>• Ms. Kiran Sarkar, Head- Sustainability, Mahindra &amp; Mahindra*</li> </ul>
<p><b>12:35-13:25</b></p>	<p><b>Session 8: From Waste to Weapon: India's Circular Economy to build Energy Atmanirbarta</b></p> <p><b>Session brief:</b> <i>As the Hormuz closure exposes fossil fuel supply chain fragility, India's waste crisis reframes as a strategic asset. Food waste generates biomethane substituting imported gas. Used cooking oil becomes biodiesel and sustainable aviation fuel. RDF displaces coal. E-waste yields lithium, cobalt, and copper making domestic EV manufacturing geopolitically secure.</i></p> <p><i>Seen this way, India's landfills are not a liability. They are an untapped reserve. The revised Solid Waste Management Framework, 2026 can accelerate this shift — restricting disposal, enforcing remediation, compelling municipalities and industry toward resource recovery. Legacy dumpsites must be scientifically remediated. Waste-to-Energy and RDF must scale. The regulatory moment has arrived; energy security urgency makes the commercial imperative attractive.</i></p> <p><i>The panelists will share their perspectives on the existing bottlenecks like Financial, Regulatory, Operational and Skill, the opportunity &amp; how municipalities and industry can collaboratively transition to a financially viable, environmentally compliant, and circular resource recovery ecosystem under the new regulatory regime. The session aims to identify clear action points to systematically reduce landfill dependency while strengthening material recovery systems, with a strategic aim to make India energy-secure.</i></p> <p><b>Session format:</b> Plenary session</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Mridula Ramesh, Climatetech Investor &amp; Founder, Sundaram Climate Institute</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smt. Roopa Mishra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing &amp; Urban Affairs (MoHUA)</li> <li>• Mr. Priyesh Bhatti, Director, GGEPIL (Luthra Group)</li> </ul>
<p><b>13:30- 14:30</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b></p>
<p><b>14:30- 15:15</b></p>	<p><b>Session 9: Critical Minerals Value Chain: The Backbone of a Circular Economy</b></p> <p><b>Session Format:</b> Panel Discussion</p> <p><b>Session Brief:</b></p>

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	<p>As the global energy transition accelerates, the demand for critical minerals such as lithium, cobalt, nickel, and graphite is rising sharply, driven by the rapid growth of electric mobility, energy storage, and digital technologies. However, the current linear model of extraction, use, and disposal is neither sustainable nor sufficient to meet future demand.</p> <p>For India, this presents both a challenge and a strategic opportunity. With increasing policy focus through the National Critical Minerals Mission and the Battery Waste Management Rules, there is a clear push toward building a circular, recycling-led ecosystem for critical materials. Battery recycling is emerging as a key lever to reduce import dependence, strengthen domestic supply chains, and enable long-term energy and resource security.</p> <p>This session will bring together industry leaders, recyclers, policymakers, and technology experts to examine the end-to-end battery value chain, from collection and recycling to refining and reintegration into manufacturing. The discussion will focus on key challenges related to supply chain transparency, technology scale-up, regulatory alignment, and investment requirements, while also exploring India’s evolving role in the global critical minerals landscape.</p> <p>The session aims to identify practical pathways and collaborative approaches to strengthen India’s battery recycling ecosystem, enhance material circularity, and support the country’s transition toward a resilient and sustainable energy future.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Ritu Ghosh, Associate Director, Corporate Affairs &amp; Sustainability at Panasonic Energy India</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Pratyush Sinha, Head- Special Projects, Lohum</li> <li>• Mr. Vikramaditya Gourineni, Executive Director, Amara Raja Energy &amp; Mobility Ltd (ARE&amp;M)*</li> <li>• Ministry of Mines*</li> </ul>
<p><b>15:15- 16:45</b></p>	<p><b>Session 10: Circular Economy Spotlight – Celebrating Innovation and Impact</b></p> <p><b>Session brief:</b> <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>
<p><b>16:45 onwards</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>NETWORKING TEA + CLOSURE DAY 2</b></p>

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