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“*The future of Bengaluru will not be shaped by the government alone. It will be built by all of us - citizens, communities, businesses, institutions and policymakers - each playing a vital role through collective action. Together let's build a better Bengaluru.*”

Bengaluru Climate Summit — Alternative 2026



Honouring Pourkarmikas at BCS 2026

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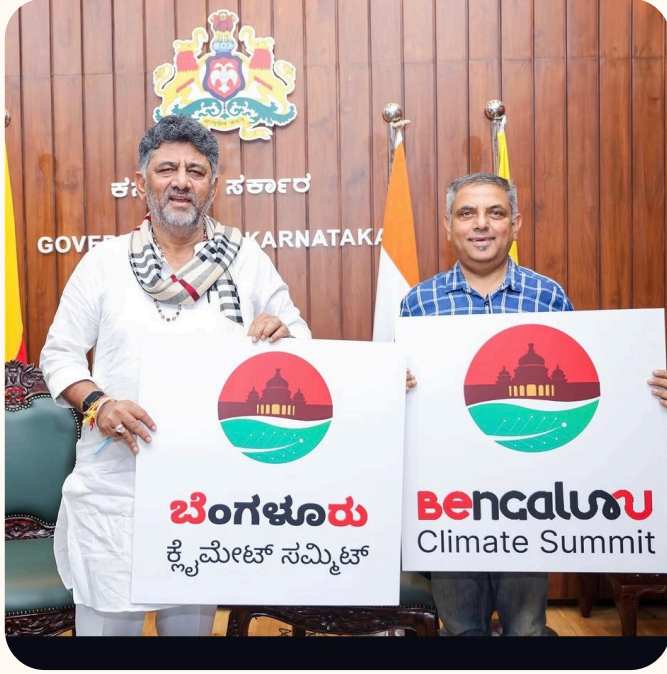
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# Official BCS 2026 Logo & Website Launch by Hon. CM DK Shivakumar

16 April 2026



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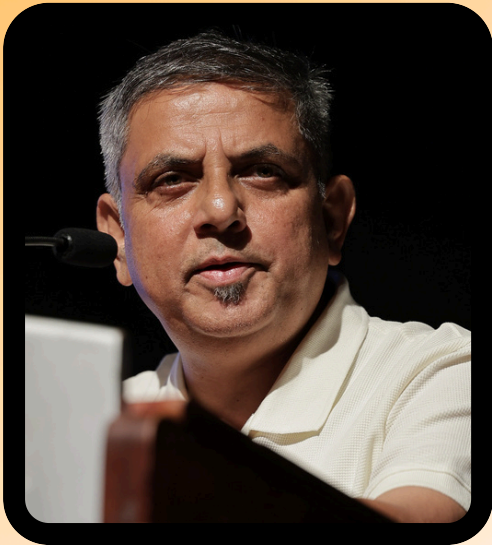


**ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು**  
ಕ್ಲೈಮೇಟ್ ಸಮ್ಮಿಟ್



A momentous occasion at **Vidhan Soudha** marking the strong commitment of Karnataka Government towards localized climate action.

# Founder's Note



Over the past decade, the word **"sustainability"** has become a familiar part of corporate conversations, government policies, and ESG Communication. The United Nations reminds us with a powerful message: **"Climate does not negotiate. Climate does not argue. Climate simply acts."**

Building climate-resilient cities cannot be achieved by governments or corporations alone. It requires a shared commitment from every stakeholders of the rapidly developed urban cities —Government institutions, businesses, climate innovators, startups, academia, civil society, community leaders, youth, artists, musicians, educators, and children. Every individual has a role to play in shaping a sustainable future for the generations to come.

At VIMOVE Foundation (Section 8 Not for Profit), we believe that lasting change begins with awareness, participation, and collective action.

“ Climate change awareness and sustainability begin with building a culture of conscious behavior for Mother Earth —engaging every stakeholder ”



For the past several years, through our flagship social awareness initiative **ALTERNATIVE**, we have been curating innovative platforms that inspire behavioral change by bringing together diverse stakeholders through the power of Ideas, Talks, Art, Music, Culture, Innovation, and Community & Youth engagement.

Our journey has evolved through previous meaningful annual themes:

- ***Greener Together*** – Bringing environmentalists, corporate leaders, artists, and musicians together to inspire conversations on sustainability.
- ***Play for Nature*** – Uniting musicians, writers, and creative communities to advocate for environmental consciousness.
- ***Only One Earth*** – Engaging corporate leaders, ESG practitioners, and HR professionals to integrate sustainability into business and workplace culture.
- ***The Art of Conscious Living*** – Showcasing sustainable lifestyles, circular economy solutions, and environmentally conscious products.
- ***Youth for Nature*** – Inspiring young people to become conscious and responsible citizens.
- ***Youth for Green & Vibrant Bengaluru*** – Mobilising youth as changemakers for a cleaner, greener, and resilient Bengaluru.
- ***Bengaluru Climate Summit (ALTERNATIVE 2026)*** – This Year Created an inclusive platform that brought together government, corporates, climate innovation startups, academia, civil society, communities, youth, artists, musicians, and children to co-create practical climate solutions for the city.

The Bengaluru Climate Summit marks a significant milestone in this journey.

It is envisioned as an annual city-wide movement that bridges the gap between policy and public participation by transforming ideas into action. Through collaborative dialogue, innovation showcases, climate awareness campaigns, youth engagement, citizen participation, arts, music, and creative interventions, the summit seeks to inspire thousands of small yet meaningful actions that collectively create lasting impact.

Our vision extends beyond hosting a summit. We aspire to build Bengaluru into one of the world's leading climate-resilient cities by fostering a culture of collaboration, innovation, and shared responsibility. Every conversation initiated, every partnership forged, every young mind inspired, and every community empowered contributes to a larger movement towards a greener, more sustainable future.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Karnataka, our corporate partners, climate experts, innovators, academic institutions, civil society organizations, artists, volunteers, youth leaders, and every participant who believed in this shared vision. Your commitment demonstrates that when diverse stakeholders unite with a common purpose, meaningful transformation becomes possible.

Together, let us move beyond awareness and into action. Together, let us build a climate-resilient, inclusive, and sustainable Bengaluru for future generations.

**Vinay Shindhe**

**Founder & CEO, VIMOVE Foundation**

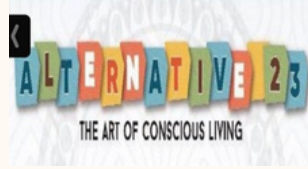
**Curator-Bengaluru Climate Summit**



# Alternative Legacy



GREENER TOGETHER



ART OF CONSCIOUS  
LIVING



ONLY ONE EARTH



YOUTH FOR NATURE



YOUTH FOR GREEN &  
VIBRANT BENGALURU



PLAY FOR NATURE



GREATER SUSTAINABLE BENGALURU



# Executive Summary

## 2 DAYS

A powerful gathering of leaders, innovators, artists, youth and changemakers coming together for Bengaluru's climate future.



06

KEYNOTE  
SPEAKERS



24

PANELISTS



06

ROUNDTABLE  
THEMES



10+

ARTISTS



05+

AI TEAMS



10

EXHIBITORS



100K

MEDIA VIEWS



30+

CLIMATE  
RECOMMENDATIONS



15

PARTNERS  
COLLABORATED



50+

YOUTH  
LEADERS

“

*BCS was designed to bridge awareness, technology, art and culture, education and citizen action under one platform.*





# Vision & Mission

Guided by purpose. Driven by collaboration.  
Working together for a climate-resilient tomorrow.



## VISION

**To inspire and accelerate a climate-resilient Bengaluru by bridging the gap between government policies and urban stakeholders, creating an inclusive platform that promotes awareness, innovation, collaboration, and collective climate action.**



## MISSION

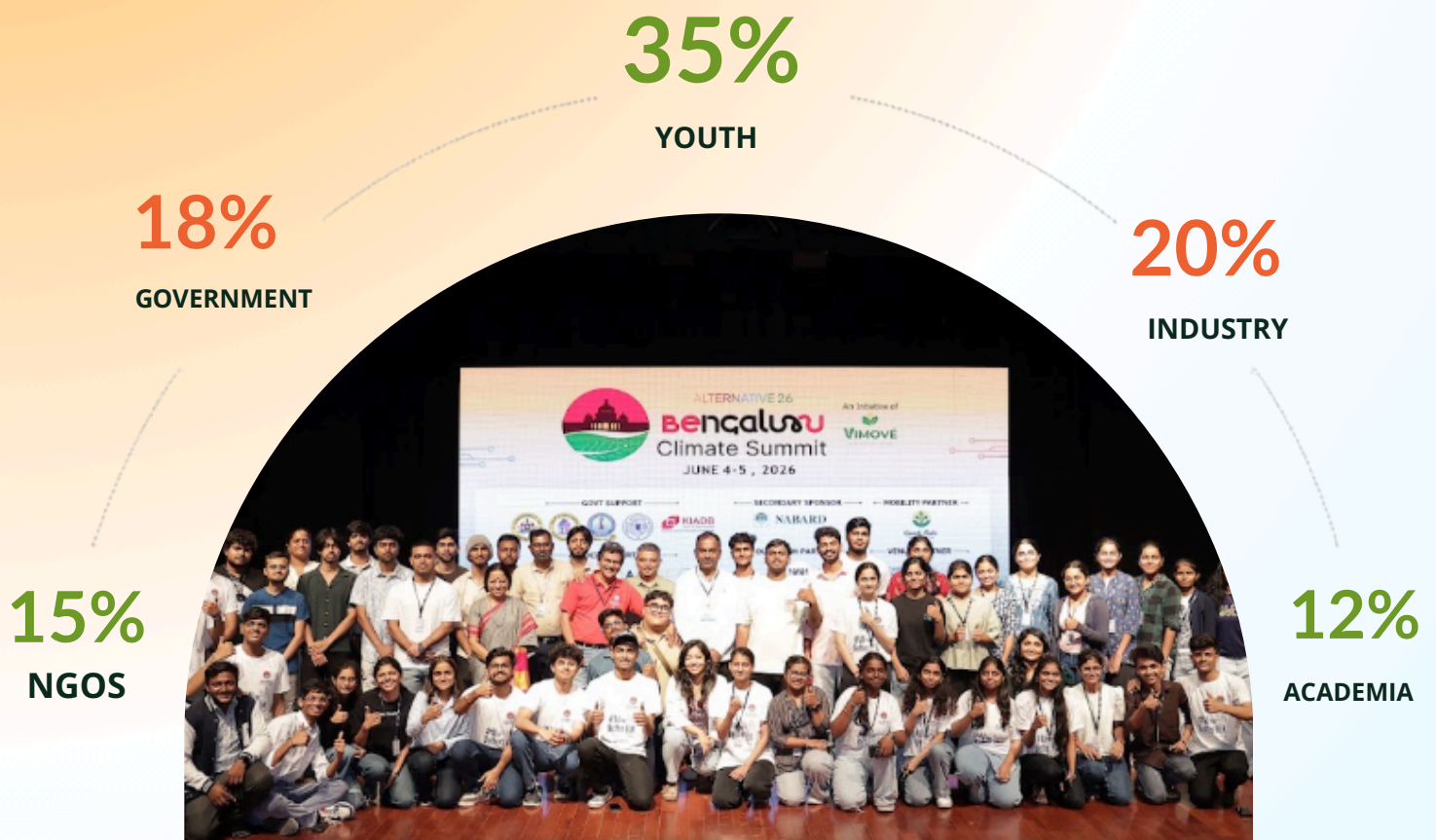
Bengaluru Climate Summit (BCS) envisions bringing together government, corporates, climate innovation startups, academia, civil society, communities, youth, artists, musicians, and children through sustained engagement and strategic partnerships. By fostering dialogue, enabling innovation, encouraging citizen participation, and driving measurable collective climate action, the Summit aims to build a resilient, inclusive, and sustainable Bengaluru while creating a scalable model for cities across India.

## 5 PILLARS OF BCS 2026



# BCS at a Glance

A powerful mix of voices and perspectives came together to shape the Bengaluru Climate Summit 2026.



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*The strength of Bengaluru lies in the diversity of people working together for a resilient future.*

Bengaluru Climate Summit — Alternative 2026



# Strategic Recommendations for a *Climate-Resilient Bengaluru*

1. **Integrate climate education into schools and colleges** through hands-on learning, sustainability projects, life skills, and community-based activities to prepare young people for future climate challenges.
2. **Strengthen citizen participation by supporting digital platforms** that make it easier to report environmental and civic issues and encourage communities to actively contribute to building a climate-resilient Bengaluru.
3. **Use art and culture to inspire climate action** by creating public art initiatives, supporting community-led cultural programmes, and position artists as Climate Ambassadors.
4. **Promote sustainable urban living** by prioritising clean mobility, effective waste management, water conservation, and nature-based solutions across the city.
5. **Support climate innovation by investing in climate-tech startups**, AI-driven solutions, research partnerships, and pilot projects that can be scaled across Bengaluru.
6. **Embed climate considerations into decision-making** by making environmental impact a key criterion in policy development, urban planning, infrastructure projects, and public investments.

**Bengaluru**



# Partnerships

## GOVT SUPPORT



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## MOBILITY PARTNER



## OUTREACH SPONSOR



## VENUE PARTNER



## ASSOCIATE PARTNER



## MEDIA PARTNER







## Climate Summit calls for collective action

The two-day Bengaluru Climate Summit Alternative'26 ended with discussions, youth engagement, cultural dialogues and recognition of changemakers working towards a sustainable future. The summit brought together policymakers, corporate leaders, innovators, artists, youth leaders, environmentalists and citizens to participate in a series of roundtable discussions on themes including Code the Climate, Youth Leadership and Culture for Climate. The summit concluded with a collective commitment from participants to

## ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ



ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಸನ್ಮಾನಿತರಾದ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಶಾಸಕಿ ಮಂಜುಳಾ ಲಿಂಬಾವಳಿ, ರಾಜ್ಯಸಭೆಯ ಮಾಜಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕೆ.ಸಿ.ರಾಮಮೂರ್ತಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕ್ಲೈಮೇಟ್ ಸಮಿಟ್ ಸ್ಥಾಪಕರಾದ ವಿನಯ್ ಶಿಂದೆ, ಮದನ್ ಪದಕಿ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದರು

## ‘ಸುಂದರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿಗೆ ಪಣ’

ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ ವಾರ್ತೆ

ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ಪುರ: ‘ತಾಪಮಾನ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ ದಿಂದ ಉಂಟಾಗುವ ದುಷ್ಪರಿಣಾಮ ಗಳನ್ನು ಎದುರಿಸಲು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಗಿಡಗಳನ್ನು ನೆಡಬೇಕು. ಸುಂದರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿಗಾಗಿ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಪಣ ತೊಡಬೇಕು’ ಎಂದು ಶಾಸಕಿ ಮಂಜುಳಾ ಲಿಂಬಾವಳಿ ಹೇಳಿದರು.

ಮಹದೇವಪುರ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಎಐಸಿಎಂ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಸಿಎಂಆರ್ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿ-ಮೂವ್ ಫೌಂಡೇಷನ್ ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದ ‘ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕ್ಲೈಮೇಟ್ ಸಮಿಟ್- ಅಲ್ಟರ್ನೇಟಿವ್

26’ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಉದ್ಘಾಟಿಸಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದರು.

‘ನವ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿಗಾಗಿ ಫೌಂಡೇಷನ್ ಹಲವು ಯೋಜನೆಗಳನ್ನು ರೂಪಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಮೊದಲ ಭಾಗವಾಗಿ ಮಹದೇವಪುರದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಗಳಿಗೆ ಅನುದಾನ ತರಲು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಿಸುವೆ’ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು.

ರಾಜ್ಯಸಭೆಯ ಮಾಜಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕೆ.ಸಿ. ರಾಮಮೂರ್ತಿ, ‘ಬೆಂಗಳೂರನ್ನು ಹಸಿರಾಗಿಸುವ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಹವಾಮಾನ ವೈಪರೀತ್ಯವನ್ನು ತಗ್ಗಿಸುವ ಪರ್ಯಾಯ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಗಳೂ ಅಗತ್ಯವಾಗಿವೆ’ ಎಂದರು.

‘1 ಬ್ರಿಡ್ಜ್ ಸಿಡಿಎಂ ಮದನ್ ಪದಕಿ,

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ಇದೇ ವೇಳೆ ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ರೂಪಿಸಿದ್ದ ಕಲಾ ಗ್ಯಾಲರಿಯನ್ನು ಗಣ್ಯರು ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಿದರು. ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರನ್ನು ಸನ್ಮಾನಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.

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## ROYAL ART TIMES

INDIAN-DIGITAL-PRIVATE NEWSLETTER EXCLUSIVE FOR ART & CULTURE EVENTS CIRCULATION  
June 1-15, 2026 Vol. 7, Issue 11, Published by Indian Royal Academy of Art & Culture, Galtharga Mob: 9739617810 Email: royalarttimes@gmail.com

BENGALURU CLIMATE SUMMIT 2026

## A Collective Movement for a Sustainable Future

Art for Climate-Live Art Camp organised by Vimove



DR. REHAMAN PATEL

**B**ENGALURU, often celebrated as India's innovation capital, witnessed a significant environmental initiative through the "Bengaluru Climate Summit - Alternative 2026 (BCS 2026)", organized by the Vimove Foundation. Held on June 4 and 5, 2026, the summit brought together policymakers, environmentalists, scientists, entrepreneurs, artists, students, corporate leaders, and citizens to address the pressing climate challenges facing Bengaluru and other rapidly growing urban centres.

The summit was conceived with a clear vision: to transform climate awareness into measurable



action. Rather than limiting discussions to environmental concerns, BCS 2026 focused on practical and scalable solutions in critical areas such as water conservation, waste management,



renewable energy, sustainable mobility, and community participation. The organizers emphasized that climate action can only succeed when governments, businesses, educational institutions,



## THE TIMES OF INDIA

## Climate action begins at home, say experts in Bengaluru

Jun 05, 2026, 23:07 IST

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Bengaluru: Students of Little Flower School dressed as trees participate in a walkathon to mark World...

Bengaluru: As the world marked [Environment Day](#) with campaigns, tree-planting drives, and discussions on climate change, experts in Bengaluru urged citizens to look beyond symbolic gestures and focus on everyday actions that can collectively make a significant environmental impact.

At the Bengaluru Climate Summit organised by Vimove Foundation here Friday, experts emphasised that while govts and corporations have a crucial role in tackling climate change, individual behaviour remains largely overlooked. They argued that composting at household or apartment level could dramatically reduce the burden on the city's waste management system.

# Media Coverage

Digital



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# Journey to BCS#2026

April 16th

01

## Press Launch

We kicked off the journey by announcing our vision and engaging the media and public.

May 23rd

02

## AI4BetterBLR Launch

*see more at page 23*

Exploring how Artificial Intelligence can solve real urban challenges and build a better Bengaluru.

May 23rd

03

## Walkathon

*see more at page 24*

Thousands walked together for cleaner air, greener streets, and a healthier planet.

May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31st

04

## Hackathon

*see more at page 25*

Innovators and problem solvers came together to build climate solutions for tomorrow.

May 16th

05

## Registrations

An overwhelming response from individuals, institutions, and organizations across the city.

June 4th & 5th

06

## Nation Level Art exhibition

*see more at page 20*

Creativity met climate action through powerful artworks, installations, and creative expressions.

June 4th & 5th

07

## Climate Summit

*from page 19 onwards*

The grand finale – thought leaders, changemakers, and citizens united to shape a sustainable future.

# Inaugral Session

DAY 1 June 4, Thursday

## Overview

The Bengaluru Climate Summit – Alternative #2026 commenced with an inspiring inaugural ceremony that brought together leaders from government, industry, academia, and civil society to reaffirm Bengaluru's commitment to collaborative climate action.

The ceremony featured keynote addresses, the inauguration of the Climate Innovation and Art Exhibition, a symbolic tree plantation, and the felicitation of Bengaluru's Pourakarmikas for their contribution to the city's sustainability. The opening session reinforced the Summit's commitment to collaboration, innovation, and citizen-led action towards building a climate-resilient Bengaluru.



## Inaugural Guests

- Smt. Manjula Aravind Limbavali, MLA, Mahadevapura Assembly
- K. C. Ramamurthy IPS (Retd.), Former Rajya Sabha Member & Chairman, CMR Group
- Madan Padaki Indian Entrepreneur, Founder & Director, 1Bridge; Trustee, Head Held High Foundation
- Clement Jayakumar, Corporate Leader & Mahadevapura Task Force, Bengaluru
- Vinay Shindhe, Curator, Bengaluru Climate Summit & Founder, VIMOVÉ Foundation



# Inaugral Session

DAY 2 June 5, Friday

## Overview

Day 2 of the Bengaluru Climate Summit – Alternative #2026 commenced with an inspiring keynote session that reinforced the importance of collaborative leadership, sustainable development, and innovation in addressing climate challenges. The session brought together eminent leaders from journalism, agriculture, technology, wildlife conservation, and industry, offering diverse perspectives on building a climate-resilient Bengaluru. Their addresses emphasized the need for cross-sector partnerships, responsible innovation, and active citizen participation to accelerate meaningful climate action. The keynote set the tone for the day's discussions, encouraging stakeholders to transform ideas into impactful solutions for a sustainable future.



## Inaugural Guests

- **Vinay Shindhe, Curator, Bengaluru Climate Summit – Alternative #2026 Founder, VIMOVÉ Foundation**
- **Shri Ajith Hanumakkanavar, Senior Journalist & Editor Asianet Suvarna News Kannada**
- **Shri Prakash C. Dash, General Manager NABARD, Regional Office – Karnataka**
- **Prof. Udaya Raghunath Birje , Co-founder & Director, Think Street Technologies Wildlife Photographer & Mentor, NSRCEL**
- **Shri A. N. Nataraj Gowda Managing Director DALC**

# DAY 1 AGENDA

Inaugural Day | June 4, 2026 | 9:30 am – 5:30 pm

**9:30 AM – 10:00 AM**  
Outdoor : Entry

**REGISTRATION & NETWORKING**  
Delegates, Students, Media, Exhibition Access

**10:00 AM – 10:40 AM**  
Outdoor : Expo & Art Space

**INAUGURAL EXPERIENCES**  
Expo Walkthrough • AI4BetterBLR Demo  
Climate Art Walkthrough • Welcome & Tree Plantation

**10:40 AM – 11:15 AM**  
Auditorium

**INAUGURAL KEYNOTE ADDRESSES** | **HONOURING POURAKARMIKAS OF BENGALURU**  
By Distinguished Guests & Climate Leaders

**11:15 AM • 12:15 PM**  
Auditorium

**RT 1 BEYOND KAVERI :**  
Can Bengaluru Rebuild Its Own Water Systems?

**12:15 PM • 1:30 PM**  
Auditorium

**RT 2 BANNED BUT EVERYWHERE:**  
Rebuilding Trust in Bengaluru's Waste Ecosystem

**1:30 PM • 2:30 PM**

**Lunch Break**  
Networking Lunch & Exhibition Visit

**2:45 PM • 3:10 PM**  
Auditorium

**#AI4BETTERBLR CIVIC INNOVATION CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT**

**3:10 PM • 3:25 PM**  
Outdoor : Expo & Art Space

**LIVE ART CAMP**  
Artist Felicitation Ceremony

**3:30 PM • 4:30 PM**  
Auditorium

**RT 3 THREE FACES, ONE CLIMATE CRISIS:**  
Heatwaves, Traffic, Infrastructure, Mobility & Rising AQI

**4:30 PM • 5:00 PM**  
Auditorium

**DAY 1 CONCLUSION**  
Summary Remarks & Announcements for Day 2





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**Bengaluru**  
Climate Summit

## DAY 2 AGENDA

Innovation · Youth · Culture | June 5, 2026 | 9:30 am – 5:30 pm

**9:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

Outdoor : Entry

### REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

Delegates, Students, Media, Exhibition Access

**10:00 AM – 10:50 AM**

Outdoor : Expo & Art Space

### CLIMATE INNOVATION & ART EXPERIENCES

Innovation Walkthrough · AI4BetterBLR Demo  
Climate Art Installations · Live Art Camp Showcase

**10:50 AM – 11:15 AM**

Auditorium

### KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

By Distinguished Guests & Climate Leaders

**11:15 AM · 12:15 PM**

Auditorium

**RT 4**

### CODE THE CLIMATE

Building Bengaluru's Climate Operating System  
AI · Civic-Tech · Carbon Credit · Innovation

**ART  
COMPETITION  
FOR YOUTH**

**12:15 PM · 1:30 PM**

Auditorium

**RT 5**

### YOUTH FOR A CHANGING PLANET

Rethinking What We Teach  
Climate Education · Youth Leadership · Future Skills

**1:30 PM · 2:30 PM**

### LUNCH BREAK

Networking Lunch & Exhibition Visit

**2:30 PM · 2:45 PM**

**CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION :  
ART COMPETITION FOR YOUTH**

**2:45 PM · 3:30 PM**

Auditorium

### CLIMATE CHANGEMAKERS

On Grounds Champion · Digital Climate  
Influencer · Rising Eco Youth

### ART EXHIBITION AWARDS

Felicitation ceremony of the online art  
exhibition winners

Outdoor : Expo & Art Space

**3:30 PM · 4:00 PM**

Outdoor : Expo & Art Space

### NEWS WITH NAVYA : CLIMATE MEDIA WORKSHOP

**4:00 PM · 5:30 PM**

Auditorium

**RT 6**

### CAN ART INSPIRE BENGALURU TO ACT?

Art · Music · Storytelling · Culture · Community Action

**5:45 PM · 6:00 PM**

Auditorium

### DAY 2 CONCLUSION

Climate Conversations · Summit Wrap up  
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# Climate Tech and Innovation Expo

The Climate Tech & Product Exhibition showcased innovative solutions addressing Bengaluru's most pressing urban challenges. By bringing together startups, enterprises, educational institutions, and social innovators, the exhibition created a platform to demonstrate technologies that promote sustainable mobility, waste management, environmental monitoring, education, and citizen engagement.

The exhibition enabled participants to discover practical solutions, foster partnerships, and accelerate the adoption of climate-friendly innovations.

**Featured Exhibitors: Chitragupta, NammaKasa and other climate-focused startups, educational institutions, and sustainability organizations.**



## Innovation Showcase

### Sustainable Mobility Solutions

Clean, efficient and accessible mobility for low-carbon cities.

### Educational & Climate Learning Platforms

Tools and platforms empowering learning, awareness and action.

### Waste Management & Circular Economy Solutions

Innovations to reduce waste, promote recycling and build a circular economy.

### Smart Urban Technologies

Digital and IoT solutions for smarter, safer and more efficient cities.

### Environmental Monitoring Systems

Real-time monitoring of air, water and other environmental factors.

### Digital Platforms for Citizen Participation

Enabling citizens to engage, report and collaborate for better urban governance.



# Featured Exhibitors



Climate-Focused Startups



Educational Institutions



Sustainability Organizations



# Art for Climate



National Level Art Exhibition winners

Art has the power to move hearts, spark conversations, and inspire action. The **Art for Climate** initiative at the **Bengaluru Climate Summit – Alternative #2026** brought together **renowned artists from across the country and Karnataka, alongside young student artists from Ekya Schools**, to showcase how creativity can become a powerful medium for climate advocacy. Distinguished artists, including **Shri C. S. Krishnasetty, Dr. Rehaman Patel**, and several other accomplished painters, joined the Live Art Camp, creating compelling artworks that reflected themes of sustainability, biodiversity, urban resilience, and environmental stewardship.

Under the leadership of **Shri M.G. Doddamani (Art Director)** and **Shri Ganesh Doddamani (Art Convenor)**, the initiative celebrated the intersection of art and climate action through live painting sessions, a national art exhibition, and a student showcase. The artworks were exhibited throughout the summit and later made available for auction on the Bengaluru Climate Summit website, extending their impact beyond the event while supporting future climate initiatives. More than an exhibition, Art for Climate demonstrated that art is not merely an expression of creativity—it is a powerful catalyst for awareness, dialogue, and collective action towards building a more sustainable future.



# Art for Climate: Live camp & Exhibition



Live Camp Art by Karnataka's Prominent Artists



Live Art Camp in progress



Live Performance Artist



National Art Exhibition Display



# Art for Climate: Youth Art Competition



Student Art Competition at Bengaluru Climate Summit Day 2





# #AI4BetterBLR

AI4BetterBLR was a flagship innovation initiative of the Bengaluru Climate Summit – Alternative #2026, designed to empower students, innovators, and technology professionals to develop AI-driven solutions for Bengaluru's urban and climate challenges. The program brought together mentors, domain experts, and participants to transform ideas into practical, scalable solutions that support a smarter and more sustainable city.



Walkathon for Ai4BetterBLR



## Innovation Showcase

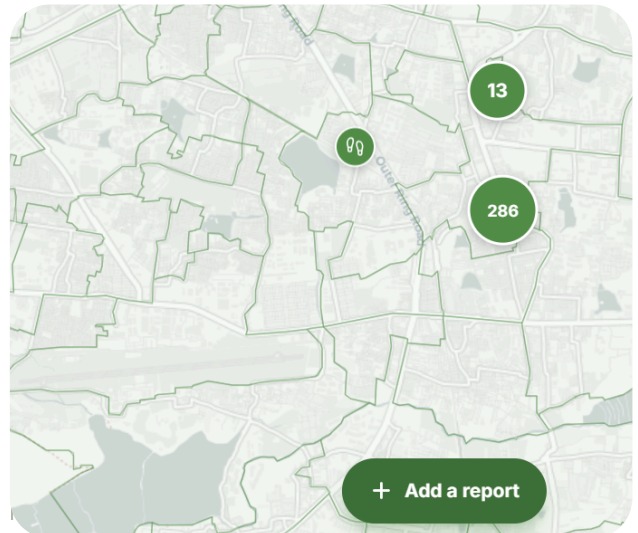
- Encourage the use of Artificial Intelligence for climate action.
- Solve real-world urban challenges through innovation.
- Foster collaboration between technology experts, academia, and civic stakeholders.
- Build scalable solutions that can support Bengaluru's sustainable development goals.



# Walkathon

As part of the AI4BetterBLR initiative, participants took part in a City Walkathon to identify real-world civic and environmental challenges across Bengaluru. Students, innovators, and volunteers visited nearby localities to document issues such as potholes, damaged roads, waste accumulation, waterlogging, and other public infrastructure concerns.

Using the AI4BetterBLR mobile application, participants geotagged and uploaded photographs of these issues, creating a valuable dataset of on-ground challenges. This exercise enabled participants to understand urban problems firsthand and ensured that the AI solutions developed during the hackathon were based on real community needs rather than hypothetical scenarios.



## Key Outcomes

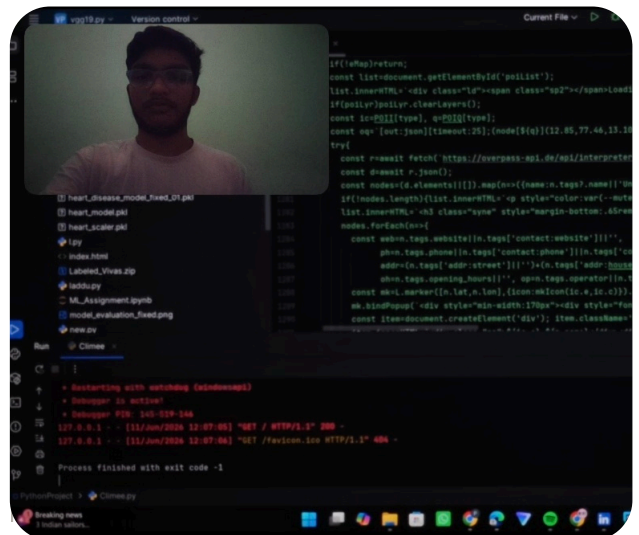
- Students and innovators documented real civic issues through field visits.
- Public problems were geotagged and uploaded using the AI4BetterBLR application.
- Created a data-driven foundation for the hackathon.
- Encouraged citizen participation in identifying urban challenges.
- Connected field observations with AI-powered solution development.



# Vibeathon

Ai4BetterBLR Concluded with an innovation challenge bringing together students, developers, innovators, and climate enthusiasts to transform citizen-generated urban data via Walkathon into AI-powered solutions for Bengaluru's environmental challenges. Working collaboratively, participants developed technology-driven ideas to address issues such as water management, waste, mobility, and urban resilience demonstrating how innovation and community participation can accelerate practical climate action.

Winning innovations were around the theme Sustainability Companionship :  
Vanam and Clime



## Key Outcomes

- Encouraging citizens to harness AI technological advancement to create innovative civic issue solution.
- Increasing awareness around Sustainability and creating responsible youth

# BEYOND KAVERI

## Can Bengaluru Rebuild Its Own Water Systems?

Reclaiming our lakes, recharging groundwater, and restoring Raja Kaluves to move from dependency to self-sufficiency.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**DR. RAM PRASATH  
MANOHAR, IAS**

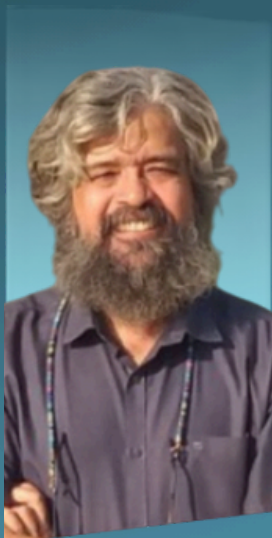
*BWSSB Chairman*

### MODERATOR



**CLEMENT JAYAKUMAR**

*Civic Leader , Mahadevpura Task  
Force, Bangalore*



**VISHWANATH**

*BIOME  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
TRUST  
(Rain Man of  
Bengaluru)*



**RADHICA  
KANNIGANTI**

*ESG & Sustainability-  
Policy & Regulation  
Expert Air/Water  
(WIPRO)*



**NAGESH ARAS**

*Environmental Activist,  
Founder - Friends of  
lakes*



**SUNIL K G**

*Run for Water,  
Triathlete,  
STP water expert*





Bengaluru's growing dependence on the Cauvery River has created increasing pressure on the city's water security. The discussion examined how over-reliance on a single water source, depletion of groundwater, encroachment of lakes and stormwater drains, and limited wastewater reuse threaten the city's long-term sustainability.

### Key Outcomes

- Bengaluru can achieve water adequacy by effectively managing four water sources: Kaveri water, groundwater, rainwater, and treated wastewater.
- Rainwater harvesting should be expanded across the city to reduce dependence on Kaveri water.
- Lakes (Kere) and Rajakaluves must be restored and protected by removing encroachments to improve groundwater recharge.
- Treated wastewater should be reused for non-potable purposes through clear policies and stronger implementation.
- Eliminating sewage discharge into roadside drains and public spaces is essential to improve groundwater quality and build a sustainable urban water system.

# BANNED BUT EVERYWHERE

## Rebuilding Trust in Bengaluru's Waste Management Ecosystem

A candid dialogue on why banned items still thrive, where trust is broken, and how citizens, systems and businesses can rebuild Bengaluru's waste management ecosystem together.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**LOKHANDE SNEHAL  
SUDHAKAR, IAS**

*Additional Commissioner  
GBA East*

MODERATOR



**SMITHA KULKARNI**

*Co-Founder, Stonesoup.in*



**DR. SHANTHI  
TUMMALA**

*Founder HSR Citizen  
Forum, SWMRT*



**GIGI MATHEWS**

*ENVIU Regional  
Director, Asia  
Partnerships*



**PLOG RAJA**

*Indian Ploggers Army*



**EAT RAJA**

*Zero Waste Juice Bar  
Founder*





Despite the ban on single-use plastics, Bengaluru continues to generate 5,000–7,000 tonnes of waste daily, with banned plastic items remaining widely available. The discussion explored the gaps in waste segregation, plastic ban enforcement, citizen behaviour, circular economy practices, and institutional collaboration required to build a sustainable waste management ecosystem.

### Key Outcomes

- Waste segregation was identified as the most effective solution, with greater focus on separating wet, dry, and sanitary waste at the source.
- Reducing the use of single-use plastics requires both strong enforcement and responsible consumer behaviour to create lasting change.
- Citizen-led initiatives and sustainable businesses demonstrated that zero-waste practices are practical and can be replicated across the city.
- Collaboration between government, communities, entrepreneurs, and organisations was recognised as essential for improving Bengaluru's waste management system.
- Young people and educational institutions were encouraged to become leaders in sustainability by promoting zero-waste practices and responsible environmental habits.

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"Reinforcing source segregation is the foundation of effective waste management."



**Lokhande Snehal Sudhakar ,IAS**  
Additional Commissioner, GBA East





# THREE FACES ONE CRISIS

## Heatwaves, Traffic, Rising AQI and Mobility

Shirking green cover. Rising heat.  
Choked air and not proper mobility.  
Reclaiming our Garden City with  
lakes, trees, and climate resilient  
mobility.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**SRINIVASULU, IFS**

*Principal Secretary to GOK  
(Forest)*

### MODERATOR



**MOIZ BARODAWALA**

*GCC Corporate Leader*



**PROF. M V  
RAJEEV GOWDA**

*Former Rajya Sabha,  
Chair Public Policy at  
IIM Blr*



**SHOBHANA  
SRIRAM**

*Co Founder,  
Quick Ride*



**RAVEENDRA  
TUMBARAMANE**

*Director, Indus Herbs*



Bengaluru is increasingly experiencing extreme heat, severe traffic congestion, and declining air quality. The discussion examined how these interconnected challenges are driven by rapid urbanisation, increasing dependence on private vehicles, shrinking green cover, and unsustainable land-use patterns, affecting public health, productivity, and urban resilience.

### Key Outcomes

- Adopt integrated urban planning by addressing heatwaves, traffic congestion, and air pollution together instead of treating them as separate challenges.
- Prioritise sustainable mobility through improved public transport, better pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, and reduced dependence on private vehicles.
- Protect and restore Bengaluru's green infrastructure, including mature trees, lakes, and wetlands, to improve climate resilience and reduce urban heat.
- Strengthen air quality management with better monitoring, public awareness, and policies that reduce pollution and its health impacts.
- Promote collaborative climate action by bringing together government, businesses, experts, and citizens to implement long-term, sustainable solutions.



# CODE THE CLIMATE

## Building a Climate Operating System

From siloed data to a digital twin of the old and crumbling AI, open data and innovation for real-time climate action.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Samhitha**

*People , Planet , Profit , Resilience AI*

### MODERATOR



**ANUP PAI**

*Technologist , AI4BetterBLR , Founder e samudai*



**Harsh Dhand**

*Google AI Partnerships APAC*



**Narayanan Subramanian**

*CTO & AI/ System Architect -VaNaShri Consulting*



**Ramakrishna Ganesh**

*Plogger Guinness World Record/Carbon Negative*



**Ramesh Poolakkil**

*AI Transformation Leader Cognizant US Corp*



Bengaluru faces complex climate challenges in water management, waste, mobility, biodiversity, and governance. While the city possesses exceptional technological talent and innovative startups, these efforts often remain fragmented. The discussion explored how Artificial Intelligence can move beyond automation to become a coordination tool that connects government agencies, citizens, academia, startups, and civil society to drive collaborative climate action.

### Key Outcomes

- AI can improve climate action by helping people, organisations, and government work together more effectively.
- Strong collaboration between citizens, startups, researchers, and policymakers is essential for solving climate challenges.
- Bengaluru has the potential to become a global leader in AI-driven ClimateTech and sustainable urban innovation.
- Climate solutions should focus on long-term action through pilot projects, partnerships, and community engagement.



# YOUTH FOR CHANGING PLANET

Rethinking what we teach

Preparing young minds for jobs that may not exist on a planet we haven't taught them to protect.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**DRUV PATIL**

*UNESCO Speaker,  
Wild Life Board Member  
Karnataka,  
SPPA - Founder*

MODERATOR



**NAVYA SINGH**

*News With Navya,  
Founder*



**NAYAN  
ADITHYA**

*TEDX Youth Speaker,  
NGreen Tech- Founder*



**SONESH SHET**

*Sustainability  
Champion, Founder -  
Team Social Spotlight*



**JYOTHISH VM**

*Namma Kasa -  
Founder*



**REHAN R**

*MUN Youth Awardee,  
Team Recycling  
Rangers, Ekya School*



**DHRUV  
KAUNDILYA**

*Zero Waste Collective-  
Founder,  
Sustainability  
Influencer*



The "Youth for a Changing Planet: Rethinking What We Teach" roundtable explored how education must evolve to prepare young people for the realities of a rapidly changing world shaped by climate change, technological disruption, and sustainability challenges. The discussion emphasized that traditional education systems often focus on academic achievement while overlooking critical skills such as climate literacy, systems thinking, civic responsibility, innovation, and environmental stewardship. Panelists highlighted the need to empower youth not only as future professionals but also as active changemakers capable of developing sustainable solutions for their communities. The session concluded that integrating climate education, experiential learning, entrepreneurship, and community engagement into mainstream education is essential for equipping the next generation to build resilient cities and contribute meaningfully to a sustainable future.

### Key Outcomes

- Integrate climate education into learning through practical experiences like community projects, field visits, and sustainability initiatives.
- Empower students to lead climate action by encouraging innovation, volunteering, and local environmental solutions while building leadership and problem-solving skills.
- Strengthen collaboration between schools, government, industry, and communities to create meaningful and lasting environmental impact.



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"Today's youth are showing remarkable commitment to tackling climate change through awareness, activism, and sustainable actions. Their passion gives hope for a greener and more sustainable future"



**Dhruv Kaundilya**

Zero Waste Collective- Founder,  
Sustainability Influencer



# CULTURE FOR CLIMATE

## Can Art inspire Bengaluru to Act?

Artists use storytelling, music, and visual expression as powerful tools to translate complex climate realities into human experiences that inspire action.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**AMOGHA VARSHA**

*Indian filmmaker, wildlife photographer, and conservationist*

MODERATOR



**VINAY SHINDHE**

*BCS Curator & Founder VIMOVÉ FOUNDATION*



**SAMYUKTA HORNAD**

*Actress, Urban Wildlife Ambassador, Founder- Praana Animal Foundation*



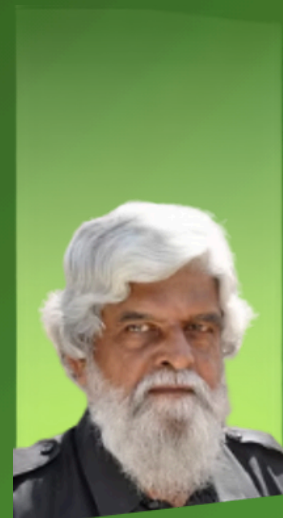
**VASU DIXIT**

*Artist/Musician*



**GEETA SHINDHE**

*Artist /Writer/Educator*



**KRISHNA SHETTY CS**

*Veteran Artist & Former Chairman Lalita Kala Academy*





Climate change is often communicated through scientific data and policy discussions, making it difficult for many people to relate to its real-life impacts. The session explored how art, music, storytelling, photography, theatre, and cultural expression can bridge this gap by transforming complex climate issues into powerful human experiences that inspire awareness, empathy, and collective action. The discussion also examined the role of artists and cultural institutions in fostering environmental responsibility and encouraging sustainable lifestyles.

### Key Outcomes

- Promote Art for Climate as a city-wide movement through regular programmes, festivals, and creative platforms to increase environmental awareness and encourage responsible citizen action.
- Engage artists of all age groups as Climate Ambassadors to communicate climate issues through creative storytelling and inspire community participation.
- Integrate culture and creativity into urban sustainability by fostering long-term collaboration between artists, educational institutions, cultural organisations, civic bodies, and government.
- Encourage greater public participation by using art to transform climate awareness into empathy, responsibility, and collective action.
- Build a sustainable Bengaluru by making every citizen an active participant in climate action through the power of art and culture.

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**"The power of Art & Culture lies in inspiring awareness, shaping conscious behavioral change, and mobilizing citizens for a more sustainable future"**



**Vinay Shindhe**

Art for Climate Moderator,  
BCS#2026 Curator, Vimové Foundation Founder





# ChangeMakers Award

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## On-Ground Climate Warrior Award

The On-Ground Climate Warrior Award honoured individuals and grassroots leaders whose dedicated efforts have created tangible environmental impact within their communities. From waste management and biodiversity conservation to civic engagement and public awareness, these changemakers exemplify the power of local action in driving lasting environmental transformation.

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## Climate Digital Influencer Award

The Climate Digital Influencer Award celebrated creators and communicators who have effectively leveraged digital platforms to raise awareness about climate change, promote sustainable lifestyles, and inspire collective action. Through impactful storytelling and advocacy, they have empowered thousands to become active participants in the climate movement.

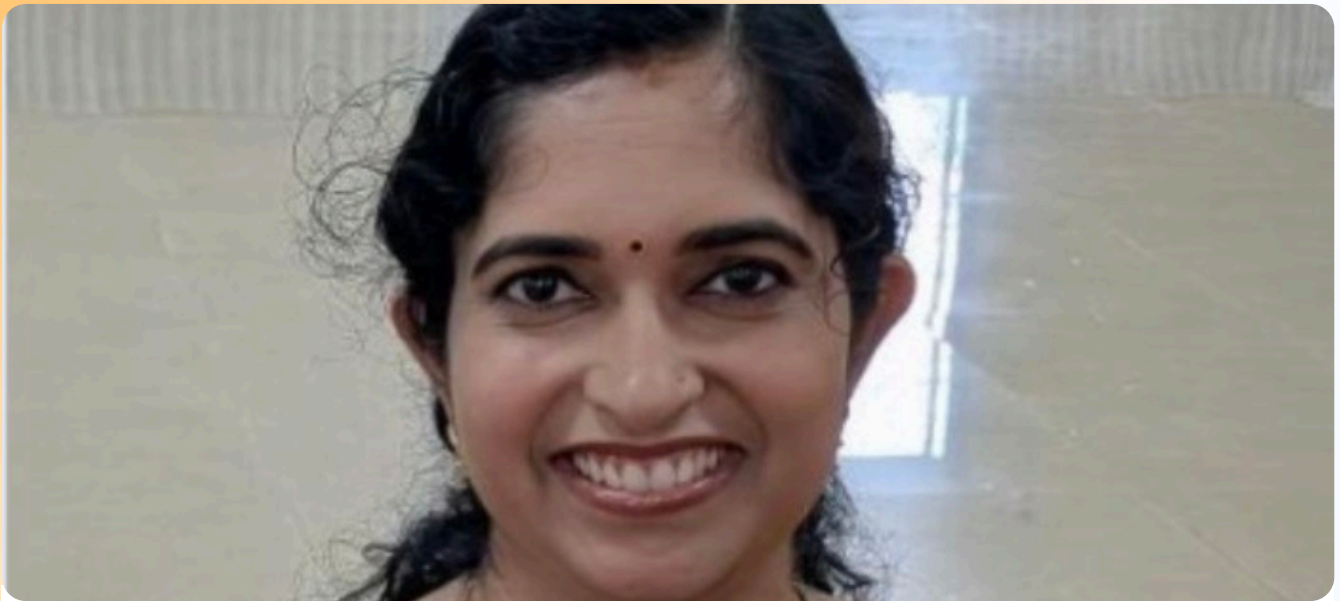
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## Rising Climate Warriors Award

The Rising Climate Warriors Award recognized youth who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in advancing climate action through sustainable practices, environmental conservation, and community engagement. Their initiatives have inspired meaningful change and contributed towards building a more resilient and sustainable Bengaluru.

# On-Ground Climate Warriors



**Chaithanya Subrahmanya**  
**COMMUNITY MOBILIZER**

Led over 210 community clean-up drives, transforming neglected spaces and empowering citizen ownership.



**Jagadish Reddy**  
**URBAN CONSERVATIONIST**

Prominent advocate successfully protecting and rejuvenating critical water bodies like Varthur and Bellandur Lakes.



**Padmashree Mahesh**  
**ZERO-WASTE COMMUNITY LEADER**

Pioneered neighborhood-level composting, tree-planting, and an innovative reusable cutlery bank for circular living.



# Climate Digital Influencers



**Harsha Tej,**  
**FOUNDER, BLUEDOT FOUNDATION**

Rejuvenated 15+ lakes and planted hundreds of thousands of native trees for urban ecological resilience.



**Odette Katrak,**  
**FOUNDER, BEAUTIFUL BHARAT**

Pioneered impactful civic campaigns addressing litter and pollution to build a nationwide movement for sustainable living.



**Gurunandan Rao M.**  
**PRESIDENT, THAT'S ECO**

Combines engineering expertise with environmental leadership to drive large-scale lake restoration and wildlife conservation.



**Navya Singh**  
**JOURNALIST, NEWS WITH NAVYA**

Award-winning media creator amplifying practical, solution-driven climate action stories across India.

# Rising Climate Warriors



## **Anjali , FOUNDER, SUSTAINABLE SUNDAYS**

Mobilized over 6,000 citizens through impactful zero-waste campaigns and plogging drives across the city.



## **Dhruv N. Koundinya, URBAN SUSTAINABILITY ADVOCATE**

Transformed Bengaluru's iconic Kadleakai Parishe into a massive plastic-free event for 2.5 lakh attendees.



## **Goutham V. N., CO-FOUNDER, WE KNEW RENEW**

Champions inclusive recycling and resource recovery systems creating secure livelihoods for marginalized communities.



# Leadership & Advisory BCS 2026

Meet the dedicated individuals who devoted their efforts to build a sustainable and climate-resilient **Bengaluru**



**Vinay Shindhe**

Curator & BCS Alternative'26  
Summit Director



**Clement Jayakumar**

Advisor- Civic Leadership &  
Community Engagement



**Anup Pai**

(Founder, eSamudaay)  
Advisor-FinTech &  
Climate Innovation



**Rajesh Badigeri**

(Founder, ZOPNOTE)  
Advisor - Technology & Digital  
Innovation



**Nagaraj Hundekar**

( Founder-Rudra Communications)  
Advisor- Media Partnerships  
& Strategic Communications



**Sahmita R**

(Founder, Resilience AI)  
Advisor-People, Planet &  
Sustainable Business



**Ravindra TC**

(Founder, Indus Herbs)  
Advisor- Ecological  
Restoration & Grassroots  
Action



**Sunil KG**

(Triathlete,STP expert)  
Advisor- Climate Advocacy  
& Community Engagement



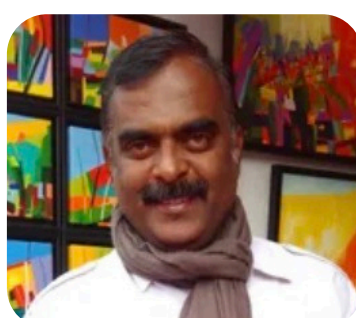
**Smitha Kulkarni**

Advisor-Social Entrepreneurship  
& Urban Initiatives



**M G Doddamani**

(Eminent Visual Artist)  
Advisor-Climate theme visual  
art engagement



**Ganesh Doddamani**

(Eminent Visual Artist)  
Advisor-Climate theme visual  
art engagement



**Krishna Kumar**

(GCC Consultant)  
Advisor-Corporate & Industry  
Partnerships

# Core Team

Execution Engine Behind **BCS 2026**



**Soundarya Balasubramani**

Program Management Office (PMO)  
Lead BCS ALTERNATIVE'26



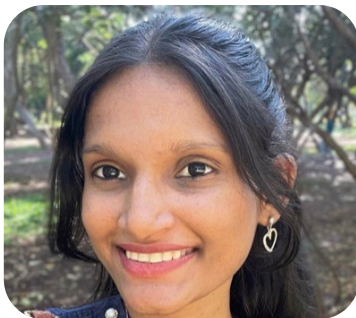
**Sonesh Shet**

(Founder, Team Social Spotlight)  
Environmental Subject Matter Expert (SME)



**Vijay V**

PMO – Program Coordination



**Keerthi Lavanya**

Lead – Design, Technology & Digital  
Enablers



**Lakshmi Dayananda**

PMO – Program Coordination



**Pranav Ramana**

Youth Strategy, Research,  
Operations & Social Media



**Praveen**

Video Production & Storytelling



**Madhur Shindhe**

Social Media & Research



**Shri**

Tech & Social Media

"The future of Bengaluru will not be shaped by one institution or one innovation, but by a city that chooses to act together."



# Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony marked the successful conclusion of the 7th Edition of the Bengaluru Climate Summit – Alternative #2026, celebrating two days of meaningful dialogue, collaboration, innovation, and collective action. The ceremony reflected on the summit's key achievements, acknowledged the contributions of speakers, partners, exhibitors, artists, volunteers, and participants, and reaffirmed a shared commitment to building a more sustainable and climate-resilient Bengaluru.

The event featured the Changemaker Awards, recognition of winning teams from AI4BetterBLR, appreciation of participating artists, and heartfelt messages from the organizing team. The summit concluded with a Vote of Thanks, inspiring participants to carry forward the ideas, partnerships, and momentum generated during the summit into tangible climate action.



**One City. Multiple Actions. Real Impact.**

# Acknowledgement



**The Bengaluru Climate Summit – Alternative #2026** was made possible through the collective dedication, collaboration, and unwavering support of numerous individuals and organizations who share a common vision for a sustainable and climate-resilient Bengaluru. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the **Government of Karnataka** for its guidance and encouragement, **our Sponsors** for their generous support, and **our Partners** from academia, industry, civil society, and the technology ecosystem for enriching the summit with their expertise and collaboration. We sincerely appreciate **our Volunteers, whose commitment and tireless efforts ensured the seamless execution of the event, our Artists, who inspired meaningful conversations through creativity, and our Students and Young Innovators, whose enthusiasm and ideas reaffirmed the importance of youth-led climate action.** We also thank our **Media Partners** for amplifying the summit's vision and reaching wider communities with the message of sustainability. **To every speaker, exhibitor, mentor, participant, advisor, and supporter—thank you for making the Bengaluru Climate Summit – Alternative #2026 a truly collaborative movement.** Together, we have demonstrated that meaningful climate action is achieved when diverse stakeholders unite with a shared purpose.



# ASSOCIATION SPOTLIGHT (2017-2026)

## BUREAUCRATS



TUSHAR GIRINATH



RAM PRASATH MANOHAR



SNEHAL RAYMANE



LOKHANDE SNEHAL SUDHAKAR

## THOUGHT LEADERS, ENVIRONMENTALISTS & ACTIVISTS



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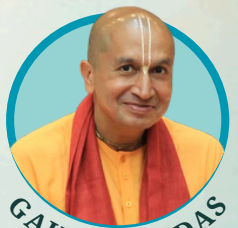
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NAGARAJ (PLOG RAJA)

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RICKY KEJ



RANA DAGGUBATI



VASU DIXIT



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