



India Water & Rivers Forum 2026

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09:00 AM Onwards



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The India Water & Rivers Forum (IWRF) is a catalytic leadership platform advancing India's water-security and river-resilience agenda. Convened by CSRBOX, with the Water Resilience Coalition and the CEO Water Mandate as official partners, the Forum brings together business leaders, policymakers, practitioners, and civil-society institutions to advance water stewardship, address water-related ESG risks and catalyse collective action at the basin level.

IWRF seeks to move India's water narrative beyond fragmented interventions towards coordinated, system-level action-building credible pathways to net-positive water impact across the country's critical river basins.

AGENDA

Time	Session Title	Description	Speakers
9:00 AM Onwards	Registration and High Tea		
09:45 am – 10:30 am	Next Generation in Action <i>Youth Voices Shaping Water and River Resilience</i> [Pre-Event] Moderated by Ms. Divyanshi Arora CSRBOX	A youth-led perspective on water and river resilience, highlighting how young changemakers can amplify community voices, inspire local action and shape more inclusive, sustainable approaches to river conservation.	Mr. Akash Gupta Manorama River Youth Champion Mr. Kartik Sahani Tampa River Youth Champion Mr. Malhar Kalambe Mithi River Youth Champion Mr. Sane Lakshmikanth Heritage Conservation Youth Champion
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10:30 am – 10:45 am	From Conversation to Collective Action Celebrating Progress, Shaping What Comes Next	A review of progress since IWRF 2025, setting out the priorities and institutional developments shaping the next phase of collective water action.	Mr. Bhomik Shah Founder, CSRBOX Ms. Manasi Diwan Lead, The Godavari Initiative Mr. Adarsh Trivedi Co-Lead, The Godavari Initiative

10:45 am – 11:15 am	Inaugural Leadership Plenary A Shared National Vision: Building a Water-Secure and Resilient India	A high-level exchange bringing together national and state leadership with global water institutions to articulate a shared vision for India's water security—connecting policy, agriculture, economic resilience and collective basin-level action.	Shri. Dr. Raj Bhushan Chowdhary Ji Hon'ble Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India Shri. Swatantra Dev Singh Ji Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Jal Shakti and Flood Control, Government of Uttar Pradesh Shri Adv. Ashish Umadevi Nandkishore Jaiswal ji Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance and Planning, Agriculture, Relief and Rehabilitation, Law and Judiciary, and Labour, Government of Maharashtra Smt. Meghana Bordikar Ji Hon'ble Minister of State, Water Supply and Sanitation, Government of Maharashtra Mr. Jason Morrison President, Pacific Institute and Head, CEO Water Mandate
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Leadership Dialogue Water at the Core: Leadership for People, Planet, Prosperity and Purpose Moderated by Mr. Jason Morrison, President, Pacific Institute and Head, CEO Water Mandate	A dialogue with some of India's most influential business, social and cultural leaders on why water must become a defining leadership priority—fundamental to human well-being, ecological resilience, economic prosperity and purposeful enterprise.	Shri. Sanjeev Dalip Singh Rohilla Ji Chief General Manager, Department of Climate Action and Sustainability, NABARD Mr. Niraj Lal Group Head CSR- Arvind Limited CEO- Arvind Foundation Mr. Navdeep Singh Mehram Vice President CSR & Sustainability DIAGEO India Ms. Saloni Saran Goel Senior Director Sustainability & Value Creation

			Coca-Cola India Mr. Guruprakash Shastry Associate Vice President, Head – Climate Action Infosys Limited
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	Ecosystem Dialogues Shared Water, Shared Responsibility: Building Partnerships for Water Stewardship Moderated by Ms. Manasi Diwan, Lead, The Godavari Initiative	Water is a shared resource—and securing it demands shared responsibility. This dialogue brings together leaders from business, finance, technology, development institutions and implementation organisations to explore how capital, expertise, innovation and influence can converge to advance credible water stewardship and enable collective, basin-level action.	Smt. Shwetal Thakare Ji Chairperson Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority (MWRRA) Mr. Sanjeev Ranjan Vice President and Head CSR Welspun Group Mr. Vishwa Bandhu Bhattacharya Director, Global Sustainability TATA Consumer Products Limited. Ms. Sangeeta Dawar Head Business Sustainability & Corporate Affairs (India) Syngenta India Private Limited Ms. Niyati Sareen Project Director – Water and Education Hinduja Foundation Ms. Priyanka Daing Senior Manager– Corporate Affairs, Carlsberg India Limited
12:45 pm – 2:00 pm	Corporate Round Table Climate Risk to Resilience: Mobilising Capital for Water- Resilient Growth [Corporate Only]  NABARD	Climate resilience requires not only effective solutions, but also the capital and partnerships to scale them. Hosted by CSRBOX and co-hosted by NABARD, this roundtable brings together corporate leaders and financial institutions, to explore climate-finance instruments, mobilise public and private capital, and strengthen the pipeline of credible, investment-ready projects that advance water and	Shri. Sanjeev Dalip Singh Rohilla Ji Chief General Manager, Department of Climate Action and Sustainability (DCAS) NABARD Shri. Pulkit Khare IAS Ji Director, UPSDM

		climate resilience across agriculture, rural livelihoods, natural resource management and industry.	Govt. of Uttar Pradesh (National Water Award Winner)
02:00 pm – 03:00 pm	Networking Lunch		

Corporate Roundtable



NABARD
National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development

26 October 2026 | 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM

Climate Risk to Resilience: Mobilising Capital for Water-Resilient Growth



CSRBOX x WELL Labs x WRC

27 October 2026 | 11:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Pathways to Catalyse Basin-Wide Collective Action for Water Resilience: A Multi-Stakeholder Workshop on Building a Basin Collaborative



RECAP4NDC (Restore, Conserve and Protect Forest and Tree Cover for NDC Implementation in India)

27 October 2026 | 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

Financing Nature-Based Solutions: Corporate Partnerships for Forest Landscape Restoration



Participants



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