

India Circular Economy Forum - 2022

The International Council for Circular Economy's India Circular Economy Forum (ICEF2022) commenced on 2 June 2022 at the India Habitat Center in New Delhi. As the event's Guest of Honor, Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog, and Kari Herlevi, Project Director, Circular Economy at Sitra, were present.

ICEF2022 provides an opportunity to identify, highlight, and celebrate circular initiatives in India across various focus sectors. The forum offers a platform for stakeholders to network, share insights, and learn from circular economy experts and practitioners.

Several topics were discussed at the Forum like Plastics and Packaging - A Circular Approach; Circular Economy for Climate and Biodiversity; New plastic Economy; Making the transition: An Industry perspective; Renewable Energy; Carbon Finance; Carbon Credits and Carbon Capture and Storage; Making the Transition: An Industry Perspective; Building Foundation – Leading Circularity; Importance of Waste Segregation in Circularity; Unleashing the Entrepreneurial Spirit; and Circular Cities – Driving Growth in Indian Cities.

On Day 2 (3 June 2022), ICEF discussed Fashion and Textile - A Closed-Loop Approach; Systems Thinking and Electronics for the Circular Economy; Automobile Materiality; Marine litter; Role of Extended Producer Responsibility in Circularity; and Environmental, Social, and Governance for Sustainable Growth.



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The panel discussion on the 'Role of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in Circularity' was moderated by Zeenat Niazi, Chief Knowledge Officer and Senior Vice President, Development Alternatives Group.

EPR is an application of the 'polluter pays principle, and the forum aimed to stir a discussion on various aspects of EPR like its scope, implementation, and challenges.

Gargi Pareek, Director, Government Affairs (Indian Subcontinent), and Piotr Barczak, Senior Policy Officer, European Environmental Bureau, were the speakers on the EPR panel.

The ICEF 2022 concluded with an award ceremony in New Delhi. The forum saw 60 plus speakers deliberating on diverse sectors of Industry perspective, Renewable Energy, Carbon Finance, Carbon Credits, Carbon Capture and Storage, and areas of international importance. With the presence of national and international delegates, the forum was a platform to build collaborations and business opportunities in circularity in India.