

Eminent Speakers

Sumaira Abdulali

Sumaira Abdulali (born 22 May 1961) is an environmentalist from Mumbai, founder of the NGO Awaaz Foundation and convenor of the Movement against Intimidation, Threat and Revenge against Activists (MITRA). Through legal interventions, advocacy and public campaigns, contribution to documentary films, television debates and press articles she has successfully mainstreamed and built consciousness about previously unknown environmental hazards, notably noise pollution and sand mining, and has won National and International awards for her work. She has been referred to as "one of India's foremost environmental activists."



Mr. Vasuki Iyengar

Mr. Vasuki Iyengar, the Founder of Soil and Health and a Waste Management Specialist in Bengaluru. Soil and Health is a social enterprise in Bengaluru, India, started in 2016. The goal is to maximize the value extracted from solid waste, while minimizing its environmental impact, so that both our economy and our environment can thrive. The enterprise offers a wide range of composting solutions to individual homes, places of worship, communities such as apartments and layouts, and commercial establishments that suit everybody.

Smita Kulkarni

Smita Kulkarni, is one of those personalities to leave behind a high end corporate job to be a social entrepreneur. She is known to co-found Stonesoup, an enterprise targeting sustainability, with her confidant Malini Parmar in 2015. Being one of the founding members of Eco Team(BeT) that takes up Solid Waste Management initiatives, she has been a true pioneer of the eco-friendly world. She is particularly passionate about spreading the word on sustainable menstruation and has spoken about it on several platforms both on private and public scales. She has proven to be instrumental in banning plastic waste which has been advertised effectively in many areas across Bengaluru.





Mr. Mohit Relan

Mr. Mohit Relan, is Founder of YeMeraGaon (A social platform for creating Eco-Villages) and Co-founder of NGO Say Earth. He is an Environmentalist & Sr Consultant Planning & Strategy.

He has been passionate about Environment conservation for the past 20 years and now has been actively working towards multiple Environment initiatives including Urban Forest Plantation and Waterbodies Rejuvenation.

Say Earth efforts have been acknowledged by multiple government departments including the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Mr. Ramveer Tanwar (Pond man of India)

Mr. Ramveer Tanwar is a water conservation enthusiast also known as The Pond Man of India. Since 2014, Mr. Tanwar, along with his team has restored more than 12 ponds/lakes in Uttar Pradesh. He has also founded an environmental conservation organization, Say Earth. Say Earth is a non-profit Delhi NCR based NGO, founded by Environmentalist, Lake & Water Conservationist Mr. Ramveer Tanwar. The team works on water conservation and management, transformation and rejuvenation of water bodies and rainwater harvesting across India. With a vision of creating a better world for the future.



Dr. Reeta Khosla

Dr. Reeta Khosla has taught Botany for 42 years and her specialization subscribes to Environment, Genetics and Biotechnology.

She has penned a book for Environmental Studies titled the "Basics of Environmental Studies". The Flora of Zakir Husain Delhi College has been adored by Dr. Khosla in an illustration. She has been associated with NGOs working for the Environment, such as Center for Science and Environment (CSE) and Chintan. She is also a member of the Indo American Forum of UNDP working for Environment and Women empowerment, which is working on Zero waste awareness. She was appointed as an advisor during the establishment of the Museum in Sultanpur National Park, in 2000 and

Biodiversity Park in Gurgaon. She has given lectures on YouTube for the National Institute Of Open Schooling on varied topics. At present Dr. Reeta is giving consultancy for Landscape designing and Environment Friendly practices such as Waste Management, e waste disposal, Vermicomposting and Rain Water Harvesting.