

INDIA CLEAN AIR SUMMIT (ICAS) 2026

Air Without Borders: Scaling Air Quality Action Across Cities, States, and Regions



19–21 August 2026



Four Seasons Hotel Bengaluru



Tentative Agenda

Wednesday 19 August 2026	
08:30 am–09:15 am	Registration
09:15 am–11:15 am	Use of air quality modelling tools for local to regional scale air quality management Facilitators: CSTEP and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay
11:15 am–11:30 am Tea break	
11:30 am–1:30 pm	Air quality law and policy landscape in India Trainer: Prof. Sairam Bhatt (National Law School of India University) Facilitators: CSTEP (Ms Swagata Dey and Ms Sheetal Manokar)
1:30 pm–2:15 pm Lunch	
2:15 pm–4:15 pm	Advanced Aerosol Chemical Speciation Monitor (ACSM) data analysis: QA/QC with the ACSM toolkit and wind/trajectory analysis using ZeFir from the Aerosols, Cloud, and Trace Gases Research Infrastructure (ACTRIS) Trainer: Dr Laura-Helena Rivellini (Laboratory of Climate and Environmental Sciences, CEA, France). Facilitator: CSTEP (Dr Kumar Sarang)
4:15 pm–4:45 pm Tea break	

Wednesday 19 August 2026	
4:45 pm–6:30 pm	Break for networking and venue preparation (poster set-up and viewing time)
6:30 pm–7:15 pm	Inaugural session Dr Shirish Sinha, Clean Air Fund Dr Prashant Gargava, Expert Member, National Green Tribunal Ms Reena Gupta, Chairperson, Punjab Pollution Control Board (Invited)
7:15 pm–8:15 pm	Launch of reports and presentations
8:15 pm onwards Dinner	

Thursday 20 August 2026	
08:45 am–09:30 am	Registration
09:30 am–09:45 am	Welcome address: Introduction to ICAS 2026 and CSTEP Air Quality Sector – Dr Prakash Doraiswamy (Sector Head, Air Quality, CSTEP)
09:45 am–10:30 am	Keynote address(es) Dr Santosh Harish (Coefficient Giving)
10:30 am–11:45 am	Moving beyond cities: Air quality management at the regional level (<i>panel discussion</i>) Moderator: Dr Piyush Bhardwaj (CSTEP) Panellists: Prof. Sagnik Dey (IIT Delhi) and Mr Saptak Ghosh (CSTEP)
11:45 am–12:00 pm Tea break	

Thursday 20 August 2026	
12:00 pm–1:15 pm	National emission inventory: Bedrock for policy and mitigation measures (<i>presentation-led discussion</i>) Moderator: Mr Anirban Banerjee Panellists: Prof. Chandra Venkatraman (IIT Bombay), Dr Sarath Guttikunda (Urban Emissions), Dr Sachin Ghude (Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune), Dr Pratima Singh (iFOREST), and Dr Santosh Harish (Coefficient Giving)
1:15 pm–2:15 pm Lunch	
2:15 pm–2:30 pm	Namma SAFAIR (Sustainable Alternative Futures for Air Quality Improvements and Low-Carbon Roadmaps) tool demonstration Presenter: Ms Ramya Natarajan (CSTEP)
2:30 pm–3:30 pm	Cleaning up industrial emissions: Mitigation measures for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and markets (<i>presentation-led discussion</i>) Moderator: Ms Shivani Sharma (CSTEP) Panellists: Mr Nimish Singh (India Program Institute for Governance & Sustainable Development) and Ms Priyanka Upadhyay (Tata Steel Ltd)
3:30 pm–4:45 pm	Techno-economic assessment methods to prioritise air quality interventions (<i>presentation-led discussion</i>) Moderator: Ms Tanushree Ganguly (Coefficient Giving) Speakers: Ms Kurinji Kemanth (Council on Energy, Environment and Water), Mr Ritesh Kumar (World Resources Institute), Ms Swagata Dey and Dr Nidhi Malik (CSTEP), and Ms Kritika Choudhary (Air Pollution Action Group)
4:45 pm–5:00 pm Tea break	

Thursday 20 August 2026	
5:00 pm–6:30 pm	Concluding the AIRLAB Microsensors Challenge Moderators: Dr Kumar Sarang (CSTEP) and Dr Abhsihek Penchala (CSTEP) Presenters: Dr Adrian Arfire (Airparif, France) and Dr Abhsihek Penchala (CSTEP) Panellists: Prof. Allison F Hughes (Afri-SET, Ghana), Dr Wilton Mui (AQ-SPEC, United States), Mr Shriram Manogaran (Clean Air Fund), Mr Vamsi Krishna (Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer, Aurassure), and Ms Kruti Davda (Environment Lead, Oizom) Closing speech: Dr Karine Léger (Airparif, France)
6:30 pm–8:00 pm	Break Poster viewing time
8:00 pm onwards Dinner	

Friday 21 August 2026	
09:00 am–09:30 am	Registration and tea
09:30 am–10:00 am	Keynote address: Dr Rathish Menon, Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board Special address(es): Prof. S N Tripathi, IIT Kanpur
10:00 am–11:00 am	Plenary session: Perspectives from corporate leaders on air pollution mitigation (<i>panel discussion</i>) Moderator: Dr Jai Asundi (Executive Director, CSTEP) Panellists: Mr Guruprakash Sastry (Infosys) and Ms Annie George (Decathlon)
11:00 am–11:30 am	Launch of the report ‘Pathways for Clean Transportation in Punjab’ Invited: Clean Air Fund and Shri Pritpal Singh, Punjab State Council for Science & Technology
11:30 am–11:45 am Tea break	

Friday 21 August 2026	
11:45 am–1:00 pm	Air quality management in cities: Unique challenges and opportunities (<i>presentation-led discussion</i>) Moderator: Dr Nirav Lekinwala (CSTEP) Panellists: Prof. Gufran Beig (National Institute of Advanced Studies), Ms Bharati Chaturvedi (Chintan), Dr Sunil Gulia (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research–National Environmental Engineering Research Institute), Mr NC Thirumalai (CSTEP), and Mr Ashwin Kulkarni (Rainmatter)
1:00 pm–1:15 pm	Certificate distribution for poster presenters
1:15 pm–2:15 pm Lunch	
2:15 pm–3:30 pm	Towards an accountability framework: Assessing the efficacy of policies – Jointly hosted with the Health Effects Institute (HEI) (<i>presentation-led discussion</i>) Moderators: Ms Abinaya Sekar (HEI) and Ms Swagata Dey (CSTEP) Panellists: Prof. Jill Baumgartner (McGill University, Canada), Mr Rajveer Singh (The Nature Conservancy), Mr Amit Bhatt (International Council on Clean Transportation), Dr Sameer Maithel (Greentech Knowledge Solutions Pvt Ltd), and Dr Kalpana Balakrishnan (Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research)

Friday 21 August 2026	
3:30 pm–4:30 pm	From grassroots to governance: Community participation for clean air (<i>panel discussion</i>) Moderator: Ms Nidhi Jamwal (Independent Environment Journalist) Panellists: Ms Nalini Shekar (Hasiru Dala), Dr Dhiraj Agarwal (KEM Hospital Research Centre), Ms Sarika Panda Bhatt (Raahgiri Foundation), Ms Nidhi Prabha Tewari (Causing Incredible Performance), Dr Sharada Gaydhane (Rural Climate Leader), and Ms Ankita Jyoti (Asar Social Impact Advisors)
4:30 pm–4:45 pm	Vote of thanks and group photograph

Note: Please note that this is an evolving agenda. Speaker names for all sessions are in the process of being updated.