

## Press Release

### India Clean Air Summit #ICAS2024

## International Summit on Air Pollution to Begin on 26 August

**Bengaluru, 22 August 2024:** The sixth edition of the [India Clean Air Summit \(ICAS\) 2024](#) will be held in Bengaluru from 26 to 30 August 2024. Organised by the Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP), a research-based think tank, ICAS 2024 is based on the central theme 'The Participatory Future of Air Quality Management'.

CSTEP is collaborating with the Clean Air Monitoring and Solutions Network (CAMS-Net) this year to conduct the hybrid event.

Some of the key speakers at the event are Smt Aparajita Sarangi, Honourable Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha; Shri Gaurav Gogoi, Honourable Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha; Dr Soumya Swaminathan, Principal Advisor, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and former Chief Scientist, WHO; Prof Kalpana Balakrishnan, Associate Dean (Research) and Director, WHO Collaborating Center for Occupational and Environmental Health; and Mr Martin Raiser, Vice President, South Asia Region, World Bank.

At the event, CSTEP's policy brief on ex-situ mechanisms for stubble management in Punjab and a visualisation portal showcasing the findings of a 76-city emission inventory study will be launched. Interesting sessions to look forward to include 'Unlocking the secrets of the air you breathe', 'Sustainability solutions: Simultaneous air quality and climate win-wins,' and 'Join the fight: Air quality champions'.

ICAS 2024 will cover a wide range of topics on air quality management such as identifying the sources of air pollution, what cities can do about their emissions, using air quality modelling to take proactive measures, and using high-end and low-cost methods to track air pollution. Experts will speak on how climate action can be combined with clean air action to tackle air pollution, leading to climate and air quality win-wins. The discussions at ICAS will provide opportunities to countries across the world to learn from each other.

For the first time, ICAS will also exhibit artwork that explores different air pollution themes. The artists displaying their work are the first fellows of



the eARTh Initiative by CSTEP, a movement to bring art to the heart of climate conversations. The exhibits aim to make an impactful visual statement about the detrimental effects of air pollution and take the climate conversation to citizens, especially students and young adults.

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**About CSTEP:** [CSTEP](#) is a not-for-profit research organisation with a mission to enrich policymaking with innovative approaches using science and technology for a sustainable, secure, and inclusive society. Our interdisciplinary research encompasses diverse fields such as energy, urban development, climate, and air pollution.

**About CAMS-NET:** [CAMS-Net](#) is a National Science Foundation-funded project based at Columbia University. It aims to create an international 'network of networks' that will facilitate the exchange of knowledge, ideas, and data in order to improve the usage and application of low-cost sensor air quality data.

**About ICAS:** Since its inception in 2019, the India Clean Air Summit (ICAS) has emerged as a platform for the community working on improving air quality in India, including government, academia, civil society organisations, and citizens, to collaborate and discuss important issues around air pollution.