

CSR for Aspirational Districts and Blocks
Road for Viksit Bharat 2047

14 Jan 2026 | 9 AM – 5 PM

India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi

9:00 – 10:00 AM	<p>Registration, Networking & Welcome Tea Delegates arrive, register, network, and explore collaboration opportunities for CSR projects in Aspirational Districts and Blocks.</p>
10:00 – 11:30 AM	<p>INAUGURAL LEADERSHIP SESSION Setting the CSR Vision for Inclusive Development in Aspirational Districts and Blocks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome Address by Rusen Kumar, Founder, India CSR ▪ Palash Srivastava, Deputy Managing Director, India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited ▪ Keynote Address: Sita Ram Gupta, Rural Development Veteran, Rajasthan ▪ Anil Kumar Mahato, Coordinator CSR, Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) ▪ Meherram Gadekar, Senior Fellow (Community Development & Strategic Expansion), Tribal Agrobiodiversity Centre (TAbC), Jeypore, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) – Jeypore ▪ Report Release Ceremony- Socio-Economic Development of Bharatpur- Rajasthan Documented by Samridh Bharat Abhiyan
11:30 AM – 12:PM	<p>LEADERSHIP SESSION- 1 Opportunities Ahead: Future Potential for CSR in Aspirational Geographies * Skilling and employability * Financial inclusion * MSME and enterprise development * Economic empowerment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mangesh Wange. Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Swades Foundation ▪ Satish Jha, Chairman, Edufront Technologies Pvt. Ltd. ▪ Pratap Bhanu Singh. Former Advisor – CSR and Sustainability Ircon Infrastructure and Services Limited, Ministry of Railways ▪ Milind Chaudhary. General Secretary, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam International Foundation <p><i>Session Chairman and Moderator: Dr. Pratyush Panda, CEO, OneStage</i></p>
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	<p>LEADERSHIP SESSION- 2 Unlocking Latent Potential in Aspirational Districts and Blocks * Strengthening rural livelihoods * Enhancing local economies * Emerging opportunities for CSR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sushanta Kumar Bhuyan, Senior Director – Programmes, Smile Foundation ▪ Sireesh Kumar Ravipati, Founder and Managing Director Faith Calling Foundation Trust ▪ Kumari Manisha, Senior Lead – Program Operations VisionSpring Foundation ▪ Vivek Prakash. Senior Vice President & Head – CSR, Jubilant Ingrevia Limited <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Rohan Sarma, Social Scientist and Invited CSR, and Sustainability Expert BIS, CII & EBG Federation, Chair-Business & Affirmative Action Council, Ambedkar Chamber of Commerce and Industry <p>Rusen Kumar, Editor, India CSR</p>
12:30 AM – 1:00 PM	<p>RECOGNITION: Honouring Rural Changemakers, CSR Leaders and Companies I Recognizing outstanding individuals, companies, and organisations for their exceptional contribution to the development of Aspirational Districts and Blocks.</p>
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Networking Lunch
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	SPECIAL LEADERSHIP SESSION 3 – Innovation & Good Practices Showcase

	<p>Innovation for Aspirational Regions High-Impact CSR Models</p> <p>* Scalable, replicable, outcome-driven CSR projects *Digital governance and development technologies * Low-cost social innovations * Case studies from Aspirational Districts & Blocks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anuradha Patil, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Cheshire Disability Trust ▪ A.K. Soni, CSR and Development Sector Leader ▪ Manisha Bhatia, Founder & CEO, Abhinandan Educational and Welfare Society ▪ Dhananjay Tingal, Executive Director, Association for Voluntary Action, National Coordinator – Just Rights for Children <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Rohan Sarma, Social Scientist and Invited CSR, and Sustainability Expert BIS, CII & EBG Federation, Chair-Business & Affirmative Action Council, Ambedkar Chamber of Commerce and Industry
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	<p>SESSION – 4 Panel Discussion: Role of Social Sector/NGO in Aspirational Region Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Neelam Gupta, Founder President & CEO, AROH Foundation • Pavan Kaushik, Author and Storyteller, Co-founder, Gurukshtera Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. • Dr. Shafia Wani, UT Lead J&k on CSR, Faculty, Jkimpard • Arun Arora, Director, Chetak Foundation <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Rohan Sarma, Social Scientist and Invited CSR, and Sustainability Expert BIS, CII & EBG Federation, Chair-Business & Affirmative Action Council, Ambedkar Chamber of Commerce and Industry
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	<p>Summit Declaration & Vesicatory Session</p> <p>Valedictory address Prof. B. Venkatesh Kumar Key takeaways of the Summit Adoption of the <i>Declaration for Transforming Aspirational Districts and Blocks</i> Group Photograph Formal Closing of the Summit</p>