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The urgency of the issue was reflected in recent data, with India witnessing extreme weather events on 99% of days in 2025. These events claimed 4,419 lives, marking a 45% increase over four years, damaged 17.4 million hectares of crops, destroyed over 181,000 homes, and resulted in the loss of more than 77,000 animals. The figures reinforced the need for immediate, coordinated action.

Opening the conclave, BSG Chairperson Vishesh Gupta emphasized that sustainability must move beyond being a “survival manual” and evolve into a shared commitment. “We

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The keynote address was delivered by IAS officer Veditha Reddy, Director of Education & Sports, Government of NCT of Delhi, who reframed sustainability as a mindset rather than a sacrifice. She highlighted the role of policy, public participation, and everyday behavioural changes in driving long-term impact.

The conclave featured a panel discussion with experts including Justice Michael D. Wilson of Jindal Global Law School, public policy specialist Dr. Shashank Shah, environmentalist Vimlendu Jha, sustainability advocate Ripudaman Singh Bevli, and Dr. Aditi Haldar of the Global Reporting Initiative. Moderated by Namrta Bangia, the session explored climate governance, legal frameworks, and grassroots innovation.

Justice Wilson warned that the climate crisis is testing the limits of legal systems, stressing that timely judicial action is essential to protect citizens' rights to a sustainable environment. Meanwhile, Vimlendu Jha described climate change as a "lived reality," urging youth-led leadership to address the crisis.

Ripudaman Singh Bevli highlighted the importance of community-driven governance, noting that resilience is built on the ground rather than in policy frameworks alone. Dr. Aditi Haldar reinforced the idea that economic growth and environmental responsibility can go hand in hand, particularly if individuals adopt mindful, sustainable practices.

The conclave also spotlighted grassroots impact stories. Students from Mothers' Mount Global School shared how their SDG Club reduced paper usage by up to 40% while promoting sustainable habits within their communities. Another initiative showcased a skills training centre in Bihar empowering 20 women to build livelihoods.

Alongside the discussions, BSG hosted a sustainability exhibition titled "*Seeds of Hope & Action: Making the SDGs a Reality*," reinforcing the idea that individual actions can collectively drive systemic change.

With this conclave, BSG reiterated its commitment to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, advocating for inclusive and community-driven approaches to sustainability.



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“Happy to be part of the Conclave, contributing to conversations on building a more resilient future. We often discuss climate resilience at policy tables. But on the ground, communities can’t afford to wait. My work focuses on enabling climate resilience through community-led governance where young people step up to solve challenges of their places instead of waiting for government action. Because resilience isn’t built in frameworks alone. It’s built on ground.” said **Mr. Ripudaman Singh Bevli**.

Dr. Aditi Haldar said, *“Economic growth and environmental responsibility are no longer opposing goals. If a billion citizens make mindful choices every day, India’s path to a \$1 trillion economy becomes not just achievable, but sustainable”*.

Ms. Namrta Bangia added, *“Climate resilience begins with people—the same people who design our systems, shape our policies, build industries, and imagine the future. When individuals, communities, and institutions move together, even small actions can create a transformative impact”*.

As a testament to the power of small actions, two young changemakers from Mothers’ Mount Global School shared how their BSG-supported SDG Club reduced paper use by 30–40%, cut waste, and conserved energy, extending these practices into homes and communities. Another individual spoke of her inner transformation, which led her to start a skills training centre in Bihar, enabling 20 women to build livelihoods and uplift their communities.

In conjunction with the conclave, BSG arranged a sustainability exhibition titled ‘Seeds of Hope & Action: Making the SDGs a Reality’, to bring home the message about the ‘Power of One’ to create a more sustainable world, and about adopting ‘Sustainable Human Behaviour’ as a way of life. With this conclave, BSG is determined to advance towards achieving the SDGs by 2030 without leaving even a single person behind.

About Bharat Soka Gakkai

Bharat Soka Gakkai (BSG) is an organization dedicated to promoting the values of happiness and peace for all, under the umbrella of peace, culture, education, and sustainability. BSG has more than 290,000 members who are spread across 600 towns and cities of India and belong to all age groups. To build a sustainable age by 2030, BSG launched the ‘BSG for SDG’ initiative in 2021, with the motto: ‘Towards 2030: Achieving SDGs through Sustainable Human Behaviour.’

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The fifth Sustainability Conclave organized by Bharat Soka Gakkai (BSG) brought together leaders in New Delhi to discuss the crucial role of communities in tackling climate change. Under the theme 'Building Resilient Futures: Climate, Communities, and

Collective Strength,' the event highlighted both the challenges and potential solutions for achieving sustainability.

BSG Chairperson Vishesh Gupta emphasized that sustainability should be a collective effort, stating, "We don't need a handful of people doing sustainability perfectly, but millions committed to it together." Joining him in the discussion, Veditha Reddy, Director of Education & Sports, urged that achieving sustainability requires a shift in mindset and collaboration among policymakers, implementers, and citizens.

The event featured a panel discussion with eminent speakers such as Justice Michael D. Wilson and environmentalist Vimlendu Jha, who stressed the urgency of climate action. The conclave also showcased grassroots initiatives that inspire others to adopt sustainable practices. With a focus on building resilience, BSG continues to work towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and encourage community involvement.

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