

2022 Ideal Village




WHEEL International Conference on Sustainable Growth Through Rural Transformation.

Organized jointly by Stanford Ideal Village Program, WHEELS Global Foundation, Pan-IIT Alumni, and Institute of Management Studies, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), at Varanasi, India on November 11-13, 2022

Background: Almost two-thirds of the world's population lives in rural areas, the vast majority with poor access to the basic essentials of life, namely, clean water, access to healthcare, education, energy, and sustainable livelihoods. The annual Ideal Village Conference series was launched in 2016 at Stanford University to serve as a collaboration platform for diverse organizations involved in rural development to connect and evolve a holistic approach which can help improve their collective impact on rural lives. Proceedings of the past six annual Ideal Village Conferences covering challenges, solutions, best practice examples and project reviews may be found at: <https://www.scienceforsociety.com>. WHEELS Global Foundation (WGF, www.wheelsglobal.org), is an initiative of the alumni of Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT), with more than 250,000 alumni world-wide, was incorporated in 2013 at the urging of former President of India, the late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.

Agriculture and Farming .
Water and Sanitation .
Healthcare and Nutrition .




Education and Skilling .
Energy and Environment .
Livelihoods and Sustainability .

Opportunities to Sponsor Sessions;
Table top booth Exhibits to showcase your projects and products



Holistic Solutions	Stakeholders Involvement
Collaboration	Women Empowerment
Sustainability	Social Entrepreneurship
Innovation	Community Development

Who should attend:




Corporate leaders, project managers, policy makers, CSR heads and staff, scientists, engineers, economists, teachers, rural development practitioners, social impact champions, founders, technology developers, staff and volunteers active in rural projects.

Organizations Invited:




MNCs, Corporates, CSR Teams, NGOs (Non-Profits), Foundations, Social Impact Start-Ups, Village Councils (Gram Panchayats selected by Ministry of Panchayati Raj), Academic Institutions, Co-op Societies / Farmer-Producer Organizations (FPOs)

Why participate?




Interact, learn, and network with a wide variety of experts and fellow practitioners in rural development.
Free publicity and global recognition of your CSR projects and rural development efforts.
Opportunity to form collaborations / networking partnerships;
Learn about best practices, benchmarking, impact assessments, funding sources, mentoring opportunities.


Distinguished Invitees / Speakers (*): Hon PM Narendra Modi
Hon CM Yogi Adityanath, Chief Economic Advisor
CEO Niti Aayog, Govt Ministers heading Rural Development and Panchayati Raj
CEOs of major Industries, Heads of Foundations
Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Cricketers Sunil Gavaskar
Kapil Dev, Thought Leaders, Academicians, Social Impact Experts
(*) awaiting confirmations



The Conference will be held on the BHU Campus and also broadcast online to a global audience. In person attendance is limited to 350 attendees.



Program Outline for Nov 11, 12 and 13 2022



Plenary Sessions Ideal Village Tracks Workshops, Exhibition, Networking Sessions Evening Programs, Cultural Showcase:
Banaras – the world's most Ancient City

For more information on the program, participation options for sponsors, speakers, exhibitors instructions, and registration

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