



## CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development

The CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development, established by ITC in 2006 in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), continues with its value added initiatives to create awareness, provide thought leadership, build capacity and award exemplary performance in the area of sustainability. It is steered by its Advisory Council and comprises members from industry, civil society and institutions, which provides strategic direction to the organisation.

The 13th edition of the Centre's flagship event, the 'Sustainability Summit: Everyone's Future', was held on September 6-7, 2018 in New Delhi with focus on the 'Circular Economy Mission' under the European Union Resource Efficiency Initiative. Key dignitaries included Dr Harsh Vardhan, the then Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Science & Technology, and Earth Sciences, Mr Suresh Prabhu, the then Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Mr Hardeep Singh Puri, erstwhile Minister for State (I/C) Housing and Urban Affairs, Mr Karmenu Vella, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission and Mr Sanjiv Puri, Chairman & Managing Director, ITC Limited. 80 delegates from 16 different countries with their representatives from industry, business associations, and academia as well as research institutions were present at the EU CEM. The circular economy guidebook for CEOs, titled "Circular Economy: A New Source of Competitiveness", which discusses alternatives to current business models by adopting the concept of circular economy, was launched at the Sustainability Summit.

The CII-ITC Sustainability Awards recognise and reward outstanding contributions by corporates to sustainable development in the country. In the last 12 years, these Awards have set benchmarks for excellence in sustainable business in India. Since 2006, 878 businesses have applied for the Awards,

of which 275 have been recognised so far. In 2018, out of 77 applicants, 39 companies were declared winners in various categories. The 13th CII-ITC Sustainability Awards 2018 took place in December 2018.

A high-level B2G Partnership Conclave on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), was jointly organised by the Centre, NITI Aayog and the UNDP. The conclave focused on three core areas— water, energy and green industry—which have been identified as fast tracks for the 2030 Agenda. Key dignitaries included Mr Raj Kumar Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC), Power and New & Renewable Energy and Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog. A three-year partnership MoU was signed between CII and NITI Aayog at the Conclave. This partnership aims to showcase the efforts of Indian businesses to the Government and the UNDP, increase awareness amongst businesses, share best practices and build a tracking mechanism for further improving industry engagement to achieve SDGs by 2030. The Centre also launched a report during the event titled 'Indian Solutions for the World to Achieve SDGs'.

The Centre organised a session on voluntary climate adaptation framework for industry at the 24th Conference of Parties under United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP24) held at Katowice, Poland in December 2018.

The Centre promoted capacity building in sustainability through a range of training and consulting assignments. In 2018, almost 2,000 participants were covered through 75 programmes, conducted both in India and abroad. Topics included Value Innovation, CSR Rules and Impact Measurement, Sustainability Reporting, Integrated Reporting, Cluster Platform for Transformative Solutions, Human Rights, and Biodiversity.



## ITC Sangeet Research Academy

The ITC Sangeet Research Academy (ITC-SRA), which was established in 1977, is an embodiment of your Company's sustained commitment to a priceless national heritage. The Company's pledge towards ensuring enduring excellence in Classical Music education continues to drive ITC-SRA in furthering its objective of preserving and propagating Hindustani Classical Music based on the age-old principle of 'Guru-Shishya Parampara'. The Academy, through its eminent gurus, imparts intensive training and quality education in Hindustani classical music to its Scholars. Padma Shri Pt. Ajoy Chakrabarty, Padma Shri Pt. Ulhas Kashalkar,

Pt. Partha Chatterjee, Pt. Uday Bhawalkar, Vidushi Subhra Guha and Shri Omkar Dadarkar are the present Gurus of the Academy. The focus of the Academy remains the nurturing of exceptionally gifted students, carefully hand-picked from across India, who receive full scholarship to reside and pursue music education in the Academy's campus and in other designated locations under the tutelage of the country's most distinguished musicians. The objective is to create the next generation of masters of Hindustani Classical Music for the continued propagation of a precious legacy.