



Kolkata
Chapter



Kolkata Climate Fest 2026

February 27–28, 2026

Organised By: **Climate24 with Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management**

Programme Coordinators: **Prof Piyali Sengupta** from IISWBM & **Mr Sandip Chakraborty** from Climate 24

Hosted at IISWBM in collaboration with Climate24 on February 27–28, 2026, the Kolkata Climate Fest 2026 served as a vital platform for advancing climate literacy and systemic action. The event opened with a call for mindful living and "climatized" thinking, bridging the gap between academic theory and practical, data-driven solutions. Key sessions addressed the escalating public health crisis caused by heat outbreaks and air pollution, alongside technical discussions on the transition to a circular economy through green energy and AI-powered hazard prediction. The discourse further connected ecological preservation, such as the protection of the Sundarbans and river rejuvenation, to deep-seated socio-economic challenges like the loss of schooling and health complications in climate-affected regions.

Concluding with the IISWBM Green Awards, the fest honoured frontline sustainability leaders, reinforcing the consensus that behavioural change and empowering the youth are the ultimate drivers of environmental resilience.

Day 1: 27.02.2026

Welcome Address: Dr. KM Agarwal, Director, IISWBM, Kolkata
Mr. Sandip Chakraborty, Founder Editor Climate24

Inaugural Session:

Address by Prof Ashoke K Dutta, Trustee Satyam Roychoudhury Foundation, Guest of Honour
Address by Prof Bhaskar Gupta, VC, JIS foundation, Guest of Honour
Address by Prof Arijit C Majumdar, Director, PRCI and Advisor Climate24.in
Address by Nabaneet Moitra, President, Rotary Club of Kolkata, Endeavour Guest of Honour

Thematic Session 1: Where the West Bengal Climate Stands through community governance lens Moderated by Kankana Das, Lead- State Climate Action, ASAR, with representatives from Climate Thinker, Terre des hommes, Rupantaran Foundation, Pragyan Foundation.

Thematic Session 2: A Dialogue on Climate Exigencies on Health Moderated by Joyjit Das, Freelance Journalist, with panelists Dr. Pritam Roy, WHO India - 'Heat' as emerging Health Emergency, Dr. Fuad Halim - Nipa Virus and Environment & Heat stress, Dr. Utpal Banerjee - Health Insurance and rising cost of health care to support climate induced health stress, Sandip Ghosh - Faculty IISWBM-Modern management techniques in time of environmental hazards

Thematic Session 3: CSR and HR Round - Environment and Sustainability & NetZero - Moderated by: Mrinmoy Chattaraj, Environmental expert, Abhijit Sen - DVC-HR

Climate emergencies as reflected in media by Prof. Amartya Saha, Asst Prof.& HOD, Dept of Journalism & Mass-Communication, New Alipore College, Kolkata

Ms. Soma Mitra Mukherjee, Assistant Director, PwC graced by her presence in the event.



Fig 1. Inauguration Ceremony



Fig 2 . Director Dr. KM Agarwal gave the welcome address with the esteemed panel of Dr. Ashok K Dutta, Professor Arijit C Majumder, Shri Sandip Chakraborty, Shri Navaneet Maitra. The Thematic Session, on the topic Where the West Bengal Climate stands through community governance lens moderated by Smt. Kankana Das



Fig 3. Thematic Session 2 on the topic Climate exigencies on Health moderated by Shri Joyjit Das



Fig 4. Discussion on CSR and HR, Environment & Sustainability & NetZero by Dr. Avijit Sen from DVC moderated by Shri Mrinmoy Chatterjee, Environment Expert



Fig 5. IISWBM feels proud to give an opportunity to Street Rangers, underprivileged youngsters who are mostly affected by the Climate Vulnerabilities

Day 2: 28.02.2026

Special Address and Agenda Setting - Prof. Dr. KM Agrawal

Thematic Session 1: Discussion on Financial Inclusion -

Siddhartha Bhattacharya, Franklin Templeton India Services, Session Chair & Moderator and Mr Rajneesh Kumar, DGM-SME State Bank of India Guest of Honour

Thematic Session 2: Climate Issues Sustainability and Net Zero Moderated by Prof Debjyoti Chanda

Roping in Carbon Credit Shri. Souryadeep Basak, Researcher TERI

Climate & Air Pollution Dr. Abhijit Chatterjee Bose Institute

Climate Change & Rivers Prof. Biswajit Roychoudhury

Renewable Energy Prof. Dr. Binoy K Chaudhuri, Prof. Piyali Sengupta

Climate change and its effect on Wildlife-Shri. Atanu Raha (IFS-ret'd),

Climate Change and PVTG groups of India Prof SB Roy Chairman IBRAD

Climate change and Mega Projects: Prof Partha Pratim Biswas, Dean of Engineering, JU

Thematic Session 3: Journalists' Roundtable on Environment & sustainability

Significance of Environmental reportage Moderated by Amal Sarkar, Executive Editor, the Wall and Ritabrata Bhattacharya Editor RPLus, Ritwik Mukherjee, Financial Chronicle

Special Speech Mr. Bratindra Mullick DGnd Rotary club of Calcutta endeavour Guest of Honour

Climate24-IISWBM Green Awards Ceremony Key Note by Prof. Ashoke K Dutta as Chairman of Jury and Honouring the top achievers in the field of Environment and Sustainability for their incredible contribution to our society - Jabala Chair Baitali Ganguly, Mountaineer Piyali Basak.

Vote of Thanks - Prof. Dr. B.K. Choudhury, Head, Public System Management, IISWBM, Kolkata



Fig 6. The second day started with discussion on Financial Inclusion by Shri Siddartha Bhattacharya and Shri Rajneesh Kumar and The session 2 was discussed on Climate Issues – Sustainability and Net Zero discussed by Shri Souradeep Basak, Shri Abhijit Chatterjee, Shri Biswajit Roychowdhury, Dr. B K Choudhury, Professor Piyali Sengupta, Shri Atanu Raha & Prof SB Roy

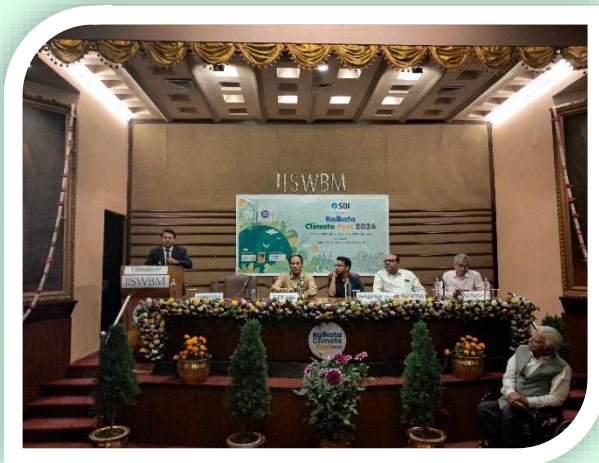


Fig 7. The event concluded with IISWBM Green Awards, presented to Baitali Ganguly, Chairman of Jabala, for her work in social research and empowerment, the achievements of mountaineer Piyali Basak and outstanding contribution to the cause of introducing green carbon capture by Ms Soma Mitra Mukherjee, Assistant Director General, Head of Projects, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry