

## India Pavilion at COP25 to host events on climate change adaptation & mitigation: Environment Sec

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New Delhi: Secretary, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC), C.K. Mishra inaugurated the India Pavilion at the 25th session of Conference of Parties under the UN Framework Convention of Climate Change (UNFCCC COP25), in Madrid, Spain today. Owais Sarmad, Deputy Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC Secretariat, Bonn also graced the occasion. The event was also attended by delegates of UNFCCC COP25 and partner Ministries among others. The Indian delegation is led by the Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar.

In his address, Secretary, MoEFCC said this year India is celebrating 150 years of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, and the India Pavilion has been designed to depict this theme, in particular Gandhi's life and messages around sustainable living.

The Pavilion has a conceptual model of Gandhi's Ashram, where his philosophy of minimizing wants and living with simplicity are espoused. The Pavilion also depicts the present and traces the arc into the future of the country, where the Government of India is implementing ambitious solutions to deal with the issue of climate change, inspired by the teachings of the Mahatma, and India's cultural underpinnings based on the principles of sustainable consumption and production, said the Secretary, adding that the pavilion has a special focus on 'sustainable lifestyles' as a solution to climate change.

Mishra said Gandhi was ahead of his time when he spoke of sustainable development and the need to care for Earth and its resources. To mark the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Pavilion features the humble *Charkha* or the spinning wheel, which is the physical embodiment of Gandhian principles of perseverance, self-sufficiency and sustainability.

The Secretary invited delegates and participants representing 197 countries to try their hand at spinning the 'fabric of sustainability' at the India Pavilion.

Mishra mentioned that over the next 10 days India will be organizing 20 side events in the Pavilion on important issues for climate change adaptation and mitigation, adding that presentations and panel discussions involving experts from both public and private spheres will be organized. The India Pavilion will provide a platform for the exchange of innovative ideas for the world to come together and take action to combat climate change, he said.

In his closing remarks, the Secretary said it is crucial to find ways to combat climate change not just through modern technologies but with the wisdom of the collective cultural tradition, and hoping that concrete steps are taken to promote sustainable lifestyles and climate justice globally.

The India Pavilion at COP 25 displays India's climate action across a range of sectors, covering both activities for mitigation and adaptation. The Pavilion provides an opportunity to see India's policies and programs for combating climate change, across sectors like industry, renewable energy, transportation, agriculture, forestry and more.

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