

Responsibility, Research and Renewal take center stage at Sustainability Fair 3.0 at UPES

Dehradun, 28 April, 2025: The third edition of the Sustainability Fair at UPES, held under the umbrella of the 5th International Sustainability Conference on Health, Safety, Fire and Environmental Advances (HSFEA 2025), brought together academic leaders, industry professionals, policymakers, and students to deliberate on some of the most pressing challenges and innovations in the field of sustainability. Over 1500 delegates from diverse stakeholders and representatives from reputed industries attended the conference to provide industry insights, foster networking and exchange thoughts and ideas with the participants within the field of HSFEA. This mega event was supported by **Makeen Energy, Anusandhan National Research Foundation, Anand Fabricators & Engineers, Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board, CORE EHS, Fire & Security Association of India (FSAI), besides the academic and publication partners, including University of Surrey, Springer, Elsevier, MDPI.**

The conference was inaugurated in the august presence of **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi**, environmentalist, and founder of Himalayan Environmental Studies and Conservation Organization (HESCO), who delivered a powerful address emphasizing the critical urgency of sustainability-focused action and the role of research in solving societal problems. The inaugural ceremony featured a welcome note by Prof. Ram Sharma, Vice Chancellor UPES, followed by encouraging remarks from the Registrar, Pro-Vice Chancellor, and Dean of Research and Development. **Prof. Bikrama Prasad Yadav, Cluster Head of Sustainability Cluster and Conference Convener**, outlined the scope and goals of the conference.

Over 45 awards were given to industry professionals and organizations in recognition of their significant contributions in the field of HSFEA. The awardees were from various organisations such as Lohum Cleantech Private Limited, Technip Energies Limited, Reliance, Shivganga Drillers Pvt. Ltd, Steel Authority of India Limited, Vedanta, Deloitte, Regal Rexnord, L&T, NICMAR University, Henkel Adhesives Technologies India Pvt. Ltd, ERM, Makeen Energy, Shapoorji Pallonji Group, DLF Limited, ITC Limited, TATA Projects, ONGC, HPCL, Knauf India Private Limited, Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd, etc.

The concluding address was delivered by Padma Shri Kalyan Singh Rawat, the visionary behind the **Maiti Movement of Uttarakhand**. The movement promotes tree planting, particularly linking it with social customs like weddings, to foster environmental awareness and sustainable practices. It has expanded beyond Uttarakhand, reaching other parts of India and even countries like the UK, Canada, and Bhutan.

About UPES

Established through the UPES Act, 2003, of the State Legislature of Uttarakhand, UPES is a top-ranked, UGC-recognised, private university. As per the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2024, the Ministry of Education, Government of India, UPES has been ranked 46 among universities, with a rank of 28 in Law, 41 in Management, and a rank of 42 in Engineering. As per the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025, UPES now stands in the 501-600 band globally and 7th in India, with a leap of over 300 ranks from 2024. In addition to this, the university has been ranked the No.1 private university in academic reputation in India by the QS World University Rankings 2025. It is among the top 2% of universities in the world.

UPES has also been accredited by NAAC with a grade 'A' and has received 5 stars on Employability (placements) by globally acclaimed QS Rating. The university has had 100% placements over the last five years. Forty-six (46) faculty members of UPES are among the world's top 2% researchers as per Stanford University list.

UPES offers graduate and postgraduate programs through its seven schools: School of Advanced Engineering, School of Computer Science, School of Design, School of Law, School of Business, School of Health Sciences & Technology, and School of Liberal Studies and Media with 16,000+ students and 1,500+ faculty and staff members.