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MESSAGE

I am pleased to learn about the **Global Sustainability Summit (GSS) 2026** and its Pre-Launch initiative organized by the **Indian Institute of Sustainable Development (IISD), New Delhi**, in collaboration with **Dr. Homi Bhabha State University, Mumbai**, with **D-Link (India) Ltd.** as the Industry Partner.

The theme of the Summit, **#NowForClimate**, is both timely and relevant, reflecting our shared commitment towards sustainable development, environmental stewardship, climate resilience, and nation-building.

As India progresses towards the vision of **Viksit Bharat 2047**, sustainability must remain integral to governance, infrastructure development, urban planning, technological innovation, and public policy. Maharashtra has consistently been at the forefront of promoting inclusive growth while embracing environmentally responsible development through effective collaboration between government, academia, industry, and civil society.

With the **Nashik Mahakumbh** on the horizon, Maharashtra is preparing to demonstrate how large-scale public infrastructure, mobility, sanitation, water management, digital connectivity, environmental conservation, and citizen services can be integrated through sustainable planning and innovative governance. Such initiatives reaffirm the State's commitment to creating resilient, future-ready ecosystems while preserving our rich cultural and spiritual heritage.

The **Global Sustainability Summit (GSS) 2026** offers an excellent platform for policymakers, administrators, academicians, industry leaders, researchers, innovators, startups, and young professionals to exchange ideas, showcase best practices, and develop collaborative solutions that advance sustainability and climate resilience.

I commend the efforts of the **Indian Institute of Sustainable Development (IISD), Dr. Homi Bhabha State University, D-Link (India) Ltd.**, and all associated partners for organizing this significant national initiative. I am confident that the deliberations and outcomes of the Summit will strengthen multi-stakeholder partnerships and contribute meaningfully towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while supporting Maharashtra's vision of sustainable and inclusive development.

I extend my heartfelt best wishes to the organizers, distinguished speakers, delegates, participants, and all stakeholders for the grand success of the **Global Sustainability Summit (GSS) 2026**, scheduled to be held on **30–31 July 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi**.

May this Summit inspire innovative ideas, collaborative action, and transformative solutions that help build a greener, more resilient, and prosperous India for future generations.

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