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Powering Green Growth

Intersectoral Green Growth-Talk for a Viksit Bharat

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01 OVERVIEW

Intersection, at its core, is grounded in a simple belief: complex challenges cannot be understood or addressed in silos. The issues shaping our societies, economies and environment are deeply interconnected, with each challenge intersecting with others across sectors, systems and communities.

Intersection creates a space to understand the connections between one issue and another, one opportunity and another, and one sector and another. It brings diverse perspectives into the same room to identify shared challenges, uncover new possibilities, and build solutions that are responsive to the realities on the ground.

Intersection 2026 is back with two such crucial and deeply interrelated themes: climate and livelihoods.

India's climate transition is increasingly a question of how people live, work, earn and build economic security. More than 80% of India's population lives in districts at risk of climate-induced disasters, while rising heat, changing rainfall and extreme weather are already placing pressure on livelihoods, food systems, infrastructure and local economies. By 2030, India could account for 34 million of the projected global job losses associated with heat-stress-related productivity decline.

Yet the climate transition also opens significant pathways for new enterprises, green jobs, resilient livelihoods and inclusive economic growth. The World Bank estimates that greener cooling alone could represent a US $1.6 trillion investment opportunity in India by 2040, with the potential to create nearly 3.7 million jobs.

This makes the intersection between climate and livelihoods particularly consequential. How can climate action strengthen livelihoods? How can economic growth become more resilient to climate risks? How can enterprises, workers and communities participate in and benefit from the green transition? And how can finance, policy, technology and markets come together to make this transition inclusive and locally grounded?

Intersection 2026 will bring these questions into one room. It will explore the connections between climate action and economic opportunity, resilience and enterprise, green transition and decent work, technology and inclusion, policy and markets, and local solutions and systems-level change. By bringing together diverse actors across government, development, philanthropy, business, finance and communities, **Intersection 2026** seeks to move beyond viewing climate and livelihoods as separate development agendas and instead examine how their convergence can contribute to a more resilient, inclusive and prosperous Viksit Bharat.

02 OBJECTIVES

Intersection 2026 is convened to:

- Foster inter-sectoral dialogue across climate action, livelihoods, enterprise development and sustainable finance, and identify the mechanisms and pathways that can enable MSMEs and rural enterprises to shift towards higher productivity and environmental sustainability.
- Showcase innovative solutions, including field-proven, decentralised clean-energy technologies, and explore how they can be integrated into national manufacturing supply chains at scale.
- Catalyse partnerships, investments and programme scale-up, and mobilise innovative and domestic financing solutions for green transformation at scale.
- Position women-led community enterprises as key actors in the deployment, management and distribution of green infrastructure within national programmes.
- Share PCI India's indigenous innovations and the key learnings emerging from its ongoing projects.
- Build shared ownership across institutions and strengthen Intersection as a neutral platform for continued cross-sector dialogue.

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03 KEY THEMATIC AREAS

The 2026 edition is built around five thematic areas. Together they hold the nexus among climate resilience, livelihoods, finance, industry, technology and governance.

- **Accelerating Clean Energy Adoption and MSME Green Transitions**

  Exploring pathways for clean energy adoption, resource-efficient production, decarbonisation and green industrial growth, while enabling MSMEs to remain engines of employment, competitiveness and economic opportunity.

- **Advancing Green Transitions, Bio-Economy and Climate-Resilient Livelihoods**

  Strengthening climate resilience, livelihood diversification and decentralised renewable energy, while unlocking opportunities for communities within emerging green economies.

- **Catalysing Circular Economy Solutions and Sustainable Waste Management**

  Advancing circular economy approaches that generate economic value and employment opportunities while improving resource efficiency and reducing environmental impact.

- **Unlocking Green Finance for Inclusive and Sustainable Development**

  Exploring innovative financing mechanisms to mobilise capital for sustainable infrastructure, climate resilience, enterprise growth and community development, while building a Green Finance Architecture connecting climate funds, commercial banks, CSR capital and grassroots women-led cooperative networks.

- **Shaping responsible business futures through carbon markets and ESG Integration.**

  Examining opportunities around carbon markets, ESG integration, sustainability reporting and responsible business practices, while preparing Indian MSMEs and export clusters for evolving green trade regulations and enabling carbon-credit monetisation for community-level developers.

04 PARTICIPANTS / WHO WILL BE IN THE ROOM?

Intersection 2026 convenes senior representatives from across the development ecosystem:

- Government officials across policy, rural development, MSMEs and energy
- Philanthropies and donors, CSR heads and sustainability leads
- Financial institutions, investors and impact capital providers
- Industry representatives from clean technology, energy and manufacturing
- Development partners and development organisations
- Think tanks, research institutions and academic centres focused on sustainability and development economics
- Entrepreneurs, innovators and social enterprises
- MSMEs entrepreneurs and SME cluster representatives
- Community representatives, Self Help Group federations and women-led community enterprises

What participants will gain

- Insights into India's roadmap for the green transition of MSMEs and related policy directions
- Exposure to innovative green financing models, including blended finance and ESG investments
- Learning from real-world implementation models in rural energy, agriculture and enterprise
- Networking with key decision-makers and practitioners across sectors
- Opportunities for partnerships, investments and programme scale-up
- Insights into PCI India's indigenous innovations and the learnings emerging from its ongoing projects.

05 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Identification of scalable green enterprise models
- Actionable recommendations for policy and financing mechanisms
- A roadmap for inclusive green job creation
- Strengthened cross-sector partnerships
- Enhanced alignment towards Viksit Bharat 2047 goals

India stands at a juncture where climate ambition meets economic opportunity. By fostering cross-sector collaboration and placing communities at the centre, PCI India's **Intersection 2026** aims to catalyse a new generation of green, inclusive and resilient growth pathways, contributing meaningfully to India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.