

We need to adopt a sustainable lifestyle: Javadekar

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Pune: Union Minister of State for Environment Prakash Javadekar here said, "We cannot win the war against climate change if we do not adopt a sustainable lifestyle, which would ensure sustainable development."

He was speaking at the second edition of Green Conclave 2015 organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at Hotel Hyatt on Saturday.

Present on the occasion were Anil Goel, Chairman, CII Pune zonal council and Chairman, DuroShox Pvt Ltd; S Raghupathy, Executive Director and Head, CII-Godrej GBC; Nitin Chalke, conclave Chairman and Convenor, CII Pune Energy, Environment and Sustainability Panel; Pradeep



LEADERS: Union Minister of State for Environment Prakash Javadekar at the second edition of Green Conclave 2015 organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry at Hotel Hyatt on Saturday.

Banerjee, Chairman, CII WR sub committee on environment and Executive Director, Hindustan Unilever Ltd; JP Shroff, Chairman, IGBC, Pune chapter, Abhay Pendse, Co-convenor, CII

Pune Energy, Environment and Sustainability Panel and Assistant Vice-President and Head, Shindewadi works Godrej and Boyce Mfg Co Ltd, among others. Javadekar stressed that

India is happy with the Paris climate change draft deal and expressed satisfaction that the key word 'sustainable lifestyle' has been stated in the preamble of the Paris agreement.

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S Raghupathy elaborated on IGBC's history and shared examples and success stories from numerous projects that have resulted in an average of 40 to 50% energy savings and 20 to 30% water conservation.

"To ensure that industries do not pollute the water and air excessively, I have asked all critically polluting industries to install sensors on the effluent discharge and chimneys. This would help the concerned authorities get the updates of the level of pol-

luting substances released by the industries on a 24*7 basis," said the environment minister.

Nitin Chalke spoke about the Paris Climate Change Agreement and emphasised on how inseparable a part we all are of this global phenomenon.

Pradeep Banerjee shared examples on a holistic approach to sustainability. He also highlighted how sustainability is very different from philanthropy, as it makes immense business sense.

JP Shroff, Chairman - IGBC Pune Chapter, spoke about CII's Indian Green Building Council and the exciting work that the council has been doing in India.

Abhay Pendse thanked the guests. 57

