



Vriksh Vardhan

2nd International ARBORICULTURE CONFERENCE

Growing Cities. Greener Canopies.

PRE-CONFERENCE
WORKSHOPS

6th MARCH
2026

Venue: Bandra West & Dharavi

MAIN
CONFERENCE

7 - 8th MARCH
2026

Venue: Sahara Star, Mumbai



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Leadership for a
Greener Maharashtra

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Chief Guest:
Shri. Devendra Fadnavis
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra

Inaugural Ceremony | 7 March 2026 | 9 AM



Vaibhav Rajee

Message From Our Directors

Building on last year's theme "Our Trees. Our Cities. Our Lives" this year we look ahead with "**Growing Cities. Greener Canopies.**" As urban expansion accelerates, trees must be seen as climate allies, public health protectors and vital infrastructure. Join global experts, local leaders, and passionate practitioners for hands-on workshops, technical sessions and keynote dialogues focussed on urban canopy strategy and tree impact assessment.

Whether you're here to learn, share or lead, your presence strengthens our collective vision for greener, healthier cities. Let's grow together!

Directors
Amenity Tree Care Association



Nakul Savani



Aryan Pandey

Message From The CEO Nanaji Deshmukh Pratishthan

This year marks a special milestone as Nanaji Deshmukh Pratishthan joins hands with the Amenity Tree Care Association to co-organise the 2nd International Arboriculture Conference. For us, this partnership is more than an event—it is a commitment to shaping greener, healthier cities for generations to come. "**Growing Cities. Greener Canopies**" reflects a vision where development & ecology thrive together. Mumbai, with its energy & challenges, is the perfect stage to show how trees belong at the heart of city life. This gathering is about more than expertise it's about building a shared respect for the living canopy that sustains us.

Whether you come to learn, contribute or lead your presence strengthens our vision. Together, let's grow cities that breathe & canopies that endure.

GROWING CITIES NEED GREENER THINKING.

As cities expand, the pressure on our environment grows. In this race to build faster and taller, trees are often overlooked, despite being essential to healthy urban life. Urban trees are living infrastructure. They cool our streets, improve air quality, protect public health and make cities more liveable. As climate challenges intensify, the urban canopy becomes critical to the future of our cities.

The 2nd International Arboriculture Conference brings together global experts, practitioners, and city leaders to explore practical ways to protect, manage and integrate trees into urban development. Through workshops, expert sessions, and shared dialogue, the conference focuses on building greener, more resilient cities.

CONFERENCE THEME

“Growing Cities. Greener Canopies”

imagines a future where urban growth and nature thrive together. The theme emphasises the role of trees as living infrastructure, shaping healthier environments, supporting climate resilience, and improving quality of life in rapidly growing cities. It is a call to design cities that grow wisely, with trees at their core.



Why Mumbai?

Mumbai is a city of contrasts, where banyans shade bustling streets and mangroves meet concrete. In India's most dynamic urban landscape, the question of canopy resilience is both urgent and inspiring. As the city grows vertically, the challenge is to grow green horizontally. This conference is rooted in Mumbai because its trees are not just survivors, they are symbols of what is possible.

*The Blueprint for the Next
Generation of Green Cities*



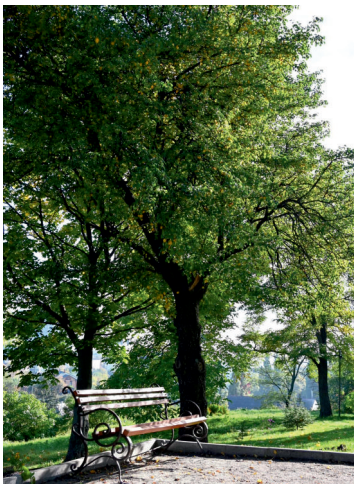
Conference Highlights

This conference is designed to go beyond conversation & into real-world application. Delegates gain practical insights, global perspectives & meaningful connections that extend well beyond the event.

- ▶ Hands-on workshops focused on urban tree management & protection
- ▶ Global and Indian experts sharing on-ground experience & research
- ▶ Exposure to emerging tools, technology and trends in arboriculture
- ▶ Student poster competition highlighting new ideas and innovation
- ▶ Curated networking opportunities with peers and industry leaders
- ▶ Networking dinner to connect, collaborate & exchange perspectives



Who Should Attend



The conference brings together a diverse community working at the intersection of cities, trees and sustainability.

- ▶ Arborists, Horticulturists and Tree Care Professionals
- ▶ Architects, urban planners and landscape designers
- ▶ Municipal officials and infrastructure consultants
- ▶ Researchers and students in forestry, ecology, horticulture and sustainability
- ▶ Professionals and citizens passionate about trees and greener cities

THREE DAYS. ONE SHARED VISION.

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NETWORKING DINNER



PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Limited Capacity | Hands-On Learning | Practical Application

WORKSHOP 1

RETAINING TREES IN CONSTRUCTION



Led by Jeremy Barrell
Managing Director, Barrell Tree Consultancy, UK

Urban development often places mature trees at risk. This workshop equips delegates with practical strategies to assess, protect and retain trees during infrastructure projects.

Ideal for: Urban planners, architects, engineers, horticulturists working in development zones

Venue: IES College of Architecture, Bandra West
6th March 2026 - 9 am - 4 pm

WORKSHOP 2

TREES AROUND US

Led by Dr. Prachi Gupta
Faculty, School of Climate Change & Sustainability Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

A gentle introduction to the world of trees designed for curious beginners. Learn to notice, appreciate and identify the trees that shape our urban lives.

Ideal for: Students, Professionals or anyone who loves trees.

Venue: Maharashtra Nature Park, Dharavi
6th March 2026 - 9 am - 4 pm



DISTINGUISHED VOICES AT THE CONFERENCE

Keynote Speaker – *Day 1*



Alan Abraham **Architect**

Alan Abraham is the co-principal of Abraham John Architects and co-founder of Bombay Greenway, a non-profit initiative dedicated to reimagining Mumbai's public spaces. His practice spans high-end residences, commercial and hospitality projects, and civic work that brings design into the public realm.

Through Bombay Greenway and LYP Mumbai (Love Your Parks), he has advocated for accessible open spaces, greener infrastructure, and people-centric urban policies. His work bridges professional practice and activism, highlighting the role architects can play in addressing the climate crisis through both design innovation and public engagement.

Keynote Speaker – *Day 2*



Dia Mirza **Actress, Producer and UN Environment Goodwill Ambassador**

Dia Mirza is a renowned model, filmmaker, actress and activist. Dia is a committed voice for change and has contributed her efforts in the field of social change, conservation and environment. She has been the face of many pivotal environmental campaigns across India and has worked towards the conservation of wildlife. As a Goodwill Ambassador, Dia works with the United Nations to further spread the message on priority areas including clean air, clean seas, wildlife protection and climate change.

EXPERT SPEAKERS AT THE CONFERENCE



Carl Dalla Riva

Director – Board of
Arboriculture Australia



Navya Singh

Climate Action Journalist



Dr. Sangram Chavan

Sr. Scientist – National Institute of
Abiotic Stress Management, Baramati



Henry Kuppen

Tree Ambassador
Terra Nostra



Dr. Prachi Gupta

Faculty, Azim Premji
University, Bengaluru



Dr. Smitha Hegde

Principal & Director – Center for
Advanced Learning, Mangalore



Dr. Vijay Moras

Trustee – Center for
Advanced Learning,
Mangalore



Vhyom Bhatt

Mushroom: Cultivation
Foraging| Education
Co-Founder – ShroomSabha



Gabor Goertz

CEO & Co-founder – Greehill



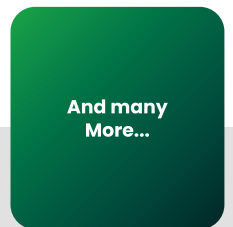
Ar. Shilpa Gavane

Architect / Founder –
Trees of Ahmedabad



Dr. Sumangala HP

IIHR – Bengaluru



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