

Ms [Swati Tewari](#), Senior Counsellor, [CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development](#) (CESD), participated as a panellist in the 4th edition of the CII-SR Sustainability Summit 2024, held on January 23, 2024, in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, organized by the CII Southern Region.

The theme of the Summit was “Leveraging ESG - A Path to Sustainable Business: Impact and Profitability”. Ms Swati discussed the importance of sustainable value chains in driving business transformation and the focus of her discussions was on:

- ◆ Importance of sustainable value chains to drive business transformation.
- ◆ Drivers of value chain sustainability including National and Global Regulations like EU-CSR, EU-CSDDD, BRSR, investors & BFSI push through sustainable financial instruments like Green Bonds, Microfinance, Sustainable Finance Scheme, Sustainability-linked instruments, etc. and requirements of parent companies.
- ◆ Support provided by Eco Edge to companies in making their value chains more responsible and sustainable through capacity building and baselining.
- ◆ Eco Edge case study on the automotive sector highlighting key gaps and best practices among the assessed vendors.



