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At COP 22, India pavilion was inaugurated by Shri Anil Madhav Dave, Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

Following the inauguration of the pavilion by the minister a small welcoming session was organised by the Indian delegation. The Joint Secretary Climate Change Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad opened the session with a small welcome address. He emphasized that India's focus will be in bringing different stakeholders including different ministries, civil society, media and partner countries together at the Indian pavilion to discuss and interact on climate change related issues. He stated that the Indian Pavilion represents the hopes and aspirations of the Indian people.

Mr. R R. Rashmi, special secretary, stated that the pavilion reflects India's capabilities, efforts and challenges faced by the nation. He reiterated that the Pavilion will be a centre of action for free exchange of ideas.

Anil Madhav Dave, Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change expressed his belief in the greatness of Indian Philosophy. He said that all Indians especially youth should share this belief and help India take leadership in promoting this idea as a sustainable solution for the climate crisis.

He said that, taking inspiration from Gandhi's Swaraj thought, we need to take the talk on climate change to the grassroots and transform the fight against climate change into a global mass movement. He also reinforced that Minimum carbon lifestyle is the way forward.

Dr Satpathy in his vote of thanks asked the people to actively get involved with the efforts of the Indian delegation at CoP22.