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National Conference on

India's Roadmap for Sustainability

Soil, Water, Agriculture, and Indigenous Wisdom

"Rooted in Wisdom, Growing with Nature"

SAJEEV Soil
Agriculture
Jal
Ecology
Ethos
Vitality

Call for Papers / Posters

- Soil Health & Regenerative Practices
- Urban Water Management & Sustainability
- Sustainable Agriculture & Climate Resilience
- Indian Knowledge Systems & Ecological Wisdom

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Viveka Auditorium
Yuvapatha, Jayanagar

Link for Registration for Presenting Paper/Poster

<https://forms.office.com/r/i0vtfQfS0g>

Link for Registration for Participation in Conference

<https://forms.office.com/r/H2Md34LnJi>

Concept Note

National Conference on “India’s Roadmap for Sustainability: Soil, Water, Agriculture, and Indigenous Wisdom”

Tagline: SAJEEV: A living framework - “Rooted in Wisdom, Growing with Nature”

SAJEEV: A Living Framework

Soil; Agriculture; Jal (Water); Ecology; Ethos and Vitality

Background

India’s environmental future hinges on how we treat our soil, manage water, sustain agriculture, and respect our indigenous knowledge systems. The national conference on India’s Roadmap for Sustainability: Soil, Water, Agriculture, and Indigenous Wisdom, brings together researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and community voices to explore integrated, grounded, and future-facing approaches to sustainability. India’s sustainability journey is deeply rooted in its civilizational ethos — a tradition of harmony with nature, reverence for the land, and community-centred stewardship of natural resources. In today’s context of ecological disruption and climate uncertainty, these foundational principles are not just cultural heritage - they are strategic imperatives.

At the global stage, India’s leadership of the G20 in 2023 brought forward a transformative framework: LIFE — Lifestyle for Environment. This vision called for a shift from consumption-driven development to conscious, resource-respectful living, rooted in behavioural change, local knowledge, and low-impact solutions. The LIFE concept recognizes that sustainability is not only a matter of policy but of daily practice — and that individual choices, collective customs, and cultural values can shape resilient ecosystems.

As environmental challenges intensify across India, the need for integrated, context-sensitive, and future-oriented sustainability approaches has never been greater. In response to this urgency, the Chanakya Centre for Sustainability at Chanakya University is organizing a National Conference on Environmental Sustainability, centered around the theme “SAJEEV – Rooted in Wisdom, Growing with Nature.” The conference coincides with World Environment

Day 2025, emphasizing India's commitment to sustainable development rooted in ecological integrity and cultural wisdom.

SAJEEV - Soil, Agriculture, Jal (Water), Ecology, Ethos (Indian Knowledge Systems), and Vitality - reflects a holistic, living approach to sustainability. This conference aims to explore grounded, scalable solutions that are not only environmentally sound but also socially inclusive and culturally relevant.

As part of its commitment to fostering dialogue and knowledge-sharing on ecologically grounded and culturally relevant sustainability, the Chanakya Centre for Sustainability invites original contributions in the form of research papers and posters for presentation at the National Conference on Sustainability aligned to the following thematic areas.

Thematic Focus Areas

- **Soil Health & Regenerative Practices**

Soil is the foundation of agricultural and ecological systems. This track will address the alarming rates of soil degradation and explore regenerative models that restore soil vitality through organic practices, composting, microbial diversity, and traditional land stewardship methods.

- **Urban Water Management & Sustainability**

Cities face increasing stress on freshwater systems. This theme explores sustainable urban water solutions including rainwater harvesting, greywater recycling, decentralized systems, and community-led conservation — bridging modern infrastructure with ecological wisdom.

- **Sustainable Agriculture & Climate Resilience**

As agriculture grapples with unpredictable climate impacts, this track focuses on climate-resilient practices, agroecology, seed diversity, and farmer-centric innovations that ensure food security while respecting ecological limits.

- **Indian Knowledge Systems & Ecological Wisdom**

India's traditional knowledge holds deep ecological insights. This segment invites discussion on how Indigenous and local wisdom can inform contemporary environmental solutions — from ancient irrigation systems to sacred groves, sustainable diets, and nature-centric philosophies.

Objectives of the Conference

- To create a national platform for dialogue on sustainability that bridges science, policy, practice, and tradition.
- To document, exchange, and upscale ecologically grounded and culturally rooted practices.
- To foster collaborative research and community engagement on key sustainability challenges.
- To strengthen policy recommendations based on holistic models of environmental stewardship.

Expected Outcomes

- A knowledge repository of case studies and best practices
- Collaborative research initiatives and action plans

- Policy briefs and actionable recommendations for institutions and governments
- A renewed emphasis on integrating Indian knowledge systems into sustainability education and practice

Who Should Attend

- Research scholars, policymakers, practitioners, students, NGOs, urban planners, ecologists, water experts, traditional knowledge holders, and civil society organizations committed to building a sustainable and inclusive India.

Call for Papers & Posters**National Conference on India's Roadmap for Sustainability: Soil, Water, Agriculture, and Indigenous Wisdom**

Date: 5th June 2025

Venue: Chanakya University Auditorium

The Centre for Sustainability invites Research scholars, policymakers, practitioners, students, NGOs, urban planners, ecologists, water experts, traditional knowledge holders, and civil society organizations committed to building a sustainable and inclusive India to share and discuss their ideas at the Conference. The conference aims to provide a platform to showcase innovations, research findings, and best practices in sustainable environmental management, with a focus on soil health, urban water management, sustainable agriculture, and Indian knowledge systems. We welcome submissions that offer interdisciplinary insights, traditional knowledge, innovative practices, or context-specific research within the following thematic areas:

1. Paper Presentations**Themes for Paper Submission:**

Abstracts and Research papers (for selected abstracts) are invited on (but not limited to) the following themes:

Soil Health & Regenerative Practices

- Soil microbiome and sustainable farming
- Biofertilizers and organic amendments
- Climate-resilient soil management

Urban Water Management & Sustainability

- Smart water conservation techniques
- Sustainable urban drainage systems
- Traditional water harvesting and its relevance today

Sustainable Agriculture & Climate Resilience

- Agroecology and regenerative farming
- Sustainable irrigation and water-efficient cropping
- Role of biodiversity in climate-adaptive farming

- Bioenergy from agricultural residues

Indian Knowledge Systems & Ecological Wisdom

- Traditional ecological knowledge for sustainability
- Indigenous farming, irrigation, soil conservation techniques and their modern applications
- Ayurveda, permaculture, and soil-water conservation

Paper Submission Guidelines:

- **Extended Abstract:** Max. 750 words (must include objectives, methodology, key findings, and significance). Extended abstract to be submitted by **May 31, 2025**. **Announcement of selection of abstracts June 1, 2025.**

- **Evaluation Criteria:**

Extended abstracts will be evaluated through peer-blind review. The abstracts will be reviewed based on their relevance to the conference theme, originality, clarity of objectives, methodological soundness, and contribution to the field.

Submissions should clearly align with the core focus areas such as sustainability, soil health, water management, agriculture, and Indian knowledge systems. Reviewers will assess the novelty and innovation of the ideas presented, the coherence and clarity of research objectives or questions, and the appropriateness of the methodology or conceptual framework. Abstracts should also present key findings or expected outcomes that offer meaningful academic or practical contributions. Overall structure, language quality, and adherence to formatting guidelines will be considered. Where applicable, thoughtful integration of Indian knowledge systems will be appreciated and may be given additional credit

- **Full Paper:** Minimum 3000 to Maximum 5000 words (including references)
- **Format:** Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 line spacing, APA 7th edition citation format
- **Email for Submission:** sustainability@chankayauniversity.edu.in
- **Review Process:** All submissions will undergo a **double-blind peer review**.
- **Publication:** Authors of the selected papers will be informed, and the full paper will be published in edited volume with ISBN number by Chanakya University after the national conference.

2. Poster Presentations

Themes for Poster Submission:

Participants can present research-based or case-study posters on the same themes as paper presentations.

Poster Guidelines:

- **Poster Size:** A1 (594 x 841 mm)
- **Content:** Title, authors, institution, research background, key findings, conclusion, and references
- **Design:** Must be visually engaging, with minimal text and clear infographics

- **Submission:** Participants must submit a **soft copy** in PDF format before 31st May 2025
- **On-Site Display:** Accepted posters must be printed and presented by the author(s) at the venue

Awards & Recognition

- Best Paper Award for each theme
- Best Poster Presentation Award

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