

2-4<sup>th</sup> March 2012



# National Seminar on “Environmental Concerns and Sustainable Development: Issues and Challenges for India”



Exploitation of Earth’s natural resources is currently an essential condition of human existence. However, accelerated economic growth with high consumption level in developed countries and aspirations of developing countries to reach matching levels of growth are continuing to damage our Planet Earth's environment. India is one of the fastest growing economies of the world and will continue its rapid urbanisation and economic development in the coming decades. This is a cause for celebration, but this growth also presents challenges in the form of rising consumption and demand for energy, increasing greenhouse gas emissions, and constraints on critical natural resources such as land, water and biodiversity harboured by them.

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Since long a course of action plan was resolved in Rio-declaration to improve environmental degradation, to reduce the loss of biodiversity and emission of greenhouse gases and to go ahead towards sustainable development. Still we have not succeeded much in this direction. Like all other countries, India needs to find a way to ensure environmental sustainability without compromising its economic and social development. To address growing environmental challenges, a new development paradigm is needed that puts people at the centre of development, regards economic growth as a means and not an end, protects the life opportunities of future generations as well as the present generations and respects the natural systems on which all life depends.

Sustainable development is a key concept that provides an answer to the question how humankind coexists harmoniously with the earth and with nature. Keeping this in mind, the Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi proposes to hold a three days national seminar from 2-4<sup>th</sup> March 2012 to address issues and challenges of sustainable development in the era of fast changing environment. Organizers hope that the discussions and deliberations during the seminar will come out with concrete action plans and remedial measures to some extent to resolve the issue of conflict between environmental degradation and sustainable development.

## Seminar Themes

- Global Change and Atmospheric Pollution
- Natural Resource Management
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Alternative Energy Resources
- Socio-Economic and Legal Dimensions of Sustainable Development



## Abstracts & Papers

Papers are invited for presentation on the above mentioned thematic areas. The themes are not exhaustive but are suggestive to the issues and interdisciplinary approach is most welcome. Interested participants are requested to send their abstract in 300 words on any of the above themes. The abstract will be reviewed by a technical committee. On acceptance of the abstract, the author will be required to send in a paper not exceeding 3000 words including references. The paper should be submitted as soft copy in MS Word or compatible file format. Contributors are requested to follow "Instruction to Authors" prescribed for the Journal 'Environment, Development and Sustainability' by Springer (<http://www.springer.com/environment/sustainable+development/journal/10668>). The selected papers will be published as seminar proceedings after peer review. The abstract and papers should be sent electronically by e-mail to the Organizing Secretary.

## Key Dates

- Submission of Abstracts: 31 January, 2012
- Notification of Acceptance: 5 February, 2012
- Submission of Full Papers: 15 February, 2012

## Registration Fees

- **Early bird Registration - up to 10 February 2012 along with abstract**
  - Faculty/ Post Doc- ₹ 1000
  - Accompanying guest- ₹ 750
  - Research scholars- Students- ₹ 750
- **Regular Registration - from 11 February 2012 to the day of the seminar**
  - Faculty/ Post Doc- ₹ 1500
  - Accompanying guest- ₹ 1000
  - Research scholars- ₹ 1000

The registration fee will be accepted in Cash or by Bank Demand Draft drawn in the favour of the *Organizing Secretary, ECSD-2012, BHU* payable at *State Bank of India, BHU (branch code 211)*

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