

INDO-GERMAN IMPACT NEXUS 2026 & DAAD EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER DAY 2026

Transforming Higher Education Institutions
for a Sustainable Future

(Emphasis on Water, Energy, HealthCare, Food)

Where **INDIAN** and
GERMAN minds
connect to create impact!

Overview:

Indo-German IMPACT Nexus 2026 and DAAD ([German Academic Exchange Service](#)) Early Career Researcher Day 2026 will bring together researchers, academicians, industry experts and emerging scholars for a vibrant exchange of knowledge, ideas and opportunities. The two-day programme will focus on Transforming Higher Education for a Sustainable Future, with emphasis on critical areas including Water, Food, Healthcare and Energy.

The programme will feature expert insights, high-level panel discussions, scholarly presentations, research case studies and opportunities for academic and industry collaboration. The Indo-German Impact Nexus will create a platform to explore how higher education, research, innovation and partnerships can contribute to sustainable solutions and meaningful societal impact.

CALL FOR SCHOLARLY RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Early-career researchers and emerging scholars are invited to present their research, share innovative ideas and showcase impactful work before an international audience of researchers, academicians and experts. This is an opportunity to receive valuable perspectives, establish professional connections and explore potential Indo-German research collaborations.

BE PART OF THE INDO-GERMAN RESEARCH COMMUNITY

Whether you are an early-career researcher, faculty member, academic expert, industry professional or research scholar, this is an opportunity to connect with leading minds, exchange knowledge, discover collaboration opportunities and contribute to conversations shaping the future of sustainable higher education and research.

6th - 7th
October
2026

Key Themes for Presentation

- Sustainability integration in curriculum and pedagogy.
- Research for sustainable development through interdisciplinary collaboration.
- Sustainable governance and campus management.
- Community engagement and partnerships for societal transformation.
- Decentralized renewable energy systems towards net-zero carbon universities.
- Green and eco-friendly/ nature-based solutions for sustainable water management.
- Waste to wealth technologies in achieving sustainable campus.
- Bio-inspired technologies for water-energy nexus.
- Green computing in HEIs & Digital learning for creating sustainability awareness.
- Community sustainability through Innovation Hubs (HEIs) and sustainable start-ups.
- Smart Farming practices / Precision agriculture towards sustainability.
- Digital Twins/ Living Labs in HEIs.
- Climate resilient university campuses.
- Circular Bioeconomy Models.
- Telemedicine, artificial intelligence, & electronic health systems.
- Environmental and social determinants of health.
- Pollution, heat, water scarcity, and emerging diseases
- Application of AI in Sustainability

(Any other themes related to Sustainable Development in Food, Water, Health Care and Energy)

Venue: Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India. **Dates:** 6–7 October 2026

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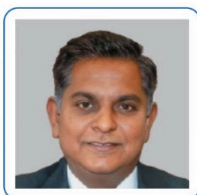


Chief Guest

Mr. Michael Hasper

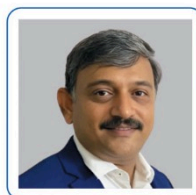
German Consul General
German Embassy, Chennai

Distinguished Panel Members and Eminent Speakers



Prof. Dr. R. Elijah Blessing

Vice Chancellor,
Karunya University,
Coimbatore.



Mr. Krishna Raj J.

Programme Director
Bosch Global Software
Services, Bangalore.



Mr. Harish Nachnani

Head – Didactic
FESTO India Pvt Ltd,
Bangalore.



Dr. Srinivas Rao

CEO, Apollo,
Medskills,
Chennai.



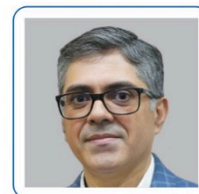
Prof. Suddhasatwa Basu

Prof. - HAG, Federation of Indian
Petroleum Industry (FIPI)
Chair Professor on Clean Energy, IIT, Delhi.



Dr. Balaji Narasimhan

Prof., Dept. of Civil Engg.,
Indian Institute of Technology
Madras, Chennai, India.



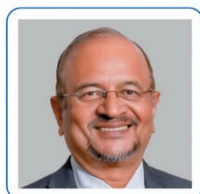
Mr. Vishal Mehra

Vice President & Strategic
Business Unit Head, Water & Waste
Solution Thermax Limited, Pune.



Dr. Viju Jacob

Executive Chairman,
Synthite Industries Pvt Ltd,
Kochi, Kerala.



Dr. Dileep Mangsuli

Senior Vice President,
Siemens Healthineers
Bengaluru, Karnataka.



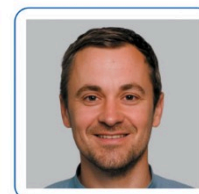
Dr. K.R.S Krishnan

Former Director
HLL Life care Ltd.(CPSE)
Trivandrum.



Prof. Dr. Holger Schüttrumpf

RWTH Aachen University,
Germany.



Dr. Bernd Müller

University of Applied Sciences,
Weihnestephan Triesdorf,
Germany.



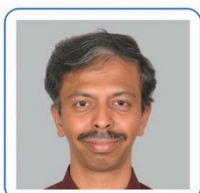
Ms. Kavitha Somasundaram

Regional Officer - TamilNadu,
Telangana, Andhra Pradesh,
Puducherry.



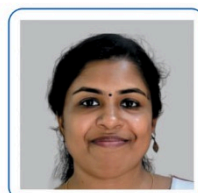
Ms. Antoinette Stephen

Regional Officer -
TamilNadu, Telangana,
Andhra Pradesh,
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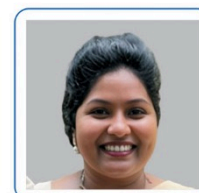
Dr. Panchatcharam Mariappan

DAAD Research
Ambassador
(India) Tirupati.



Dr. Archana Raghavan Sathyan

DAAD Research
Ambassador (India)
KAU, Kerala.



Dr. L N Wijewardene

DAAD Research
Ambassador (Srilanka)
University of Ruhuna.

Key Themes for Panel Discussion, Experts Insights and Case Study Presentation

- Water Security through Higher Education: Research, Innovation and Community Partnerships for Sustainable Water Management
- Accelerating the Clean Energy Transition: Universities as Drivers of Renewable Energy Innovation and Net-Zero Campuses
- Transforming Food Systems through Sustainable Agriculture, Circular Bioeconomy and Smart Technologies
- Sustainable Healthcare Systems: Digital Health, Preventive Care and One Health Approaches for Resilient Communities
- Exploration of community-engaged models and partnership of HEIs with local communities, governments, industries and other societal organizations in translating lab to land.
- Examination of sustainable management practices in HEIs through case studies of HEIs turning them into a living-laboratory for sustainability
- Integration of sustainability principles in Curriculum and Pedagogy in all disciplines
- Role of research in developing sustainable solutions through transdisciplinary collaborations

Registration Details:



Interested Participants are invited
to **register and submit the 2 pages
extended abstract** through the link
/ scanning QR code on or **before**
25th September, 2026.

Registration
Fee:
Rs. 100/-

Awards

Best Three Presentations will be awarded (cash vouchers)
All presenters will receive the certificate

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