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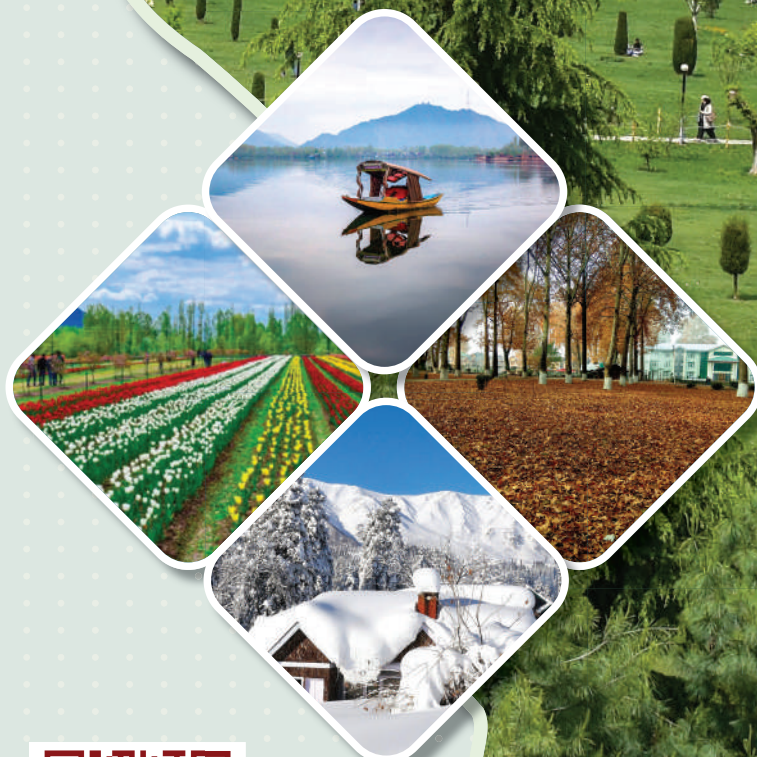
on

Environment, Climate and Sustainability: Science, Policy and Pathways

(15th to 17th September, 2026)

Jointly organized by
**Department of Environmental
Science
&
Department of Geoinformatics
University of Kashmir
Srinagar**

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Department of Environmental Science and Department of Geoinformatics, University of Kashmir, are jointly organizing a **3-Day National Conference on "Environment, Climate and Sustainability: Science, Policy and Pathways"** from 15–17 September 2026. The conference aims to deliberate upon emerging environmental and climate challenges, their implications for ecosystems and society, and the scientific, technological, and policy solutions for sustainable development. The conference will bring together researchers, academicians, policymakers, industry experts, NGOs and civil society representatives to exchange knowledge, research findings and best practices across the domains of Environment, Climate and Sustainability. The conference is targeted to focus on exploring the synthesis of shared deliberations and knowledge into actionable governance frameworks, evidence based pathways and policy formulation thereby reinforcing Science-Policy-Society Interface in sync with national, regional priorities and Sustainable Development Goals. The event will also foster interdisciplinary collaboration and enhance professional networking among diverse stakeholders.

CONFERENCE FEATURES

- Keynote lectures by renowned experts
- Science-Policy-Society trilateral focus
- Multistakeholder integration and synthesis
- Platform for networking and collaboration
- Awards for the best Oral and Poster presentations
- Registration kit/lunch/tea on all conference days

REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION

For registration and submission of abstracts for Oral/Poster Presentations in the identified thrust areas, participants are required to register by logging into the website and create a user account at the URL: <http://ecsspp.uok.edu.in>. Detailed instructions are available on the website. After registration, a WhatsApp link will be sent to registered participants for timely updates. All submissions must be completed online through the user account on or before 10th July, 2026. Selected papers will be published in the special issue of the *Journal of Himalayan Ecology and Sustainable Development*.

Category	Early bird registration (15.6.2026)	Late / on spot registration
Industry/Officers of Government	₹3000	₹3500
Academicians/ Professionals	₹2000	₹2500
Research Scholars	₹1500	₹2000
P.G Students	₹750	₹1000
Accompanying person/ Participation only (only meals and participation)	₹1000	₹1500



IMPORTANT DATES

- 20th May 2026:**
Link open for registration
- 10th July 2026:**
Last date for submission of abstracts
- 31st July 2026:**
Notification of acceptance of abstracts



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THRUST AREAS OF THE CONFERENCE



Environmental Pollution: Environmental Pollution: Air, water, and soil pollution; Solid, hazardous, and plastic waste management; Emerging contaminants and pollution monitoring, etc.



Climate Change and Sustainable Development: Climate change impacts, mitigation and adaptation; Sustainable Development Goals; Climate resilience, Low-carbon pathways, etc.



Earth Science and Hydrology: Earth system processes and dynamics; Geomorphology, tectonics, and landscape evolution; Surface–subsurface water interactions and hydrogeology; Water resource assessment, modelling, and sustainable management, etc.



Cryosphere and Cold Region Processes: Snow and glacier dynamics; Permafrost and cryospheric processes; Glacier hazards and cryosphere–climate interactions, etc.



Geospatial Science for Environmental Monitoring: Geoinformatics-based Environmental monitoring; Environmental impact assessment and management; Remote sensing and GIS applications, etc.



Biodiversity and Conservation: Aquatic and terrestrial ecology; Microbial diversity; Biodiversity conservation and management; Restoration ecology; Wildlife, etc.



Disaster Risk Reduction: Hazard and risk assessment; Disaster preparedness, mitigation and resilience, etc.



Science–Policy–Society Interface: Environmental policy and socioeconomic dimensions; Indigenous Knowledge and environmental stewardship; Community participation and sustainable practices, etc.



Forestry Management and Ecosystem Services: Forest resources; Sustainable forest management Practices; Social forestry; Ecosystem services valuation and climate regulation, etc.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Best Oral Presentation Awards
- Best Poster Presentation Awards



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ACCOMMODATION

Organizers will try to provide accommodation at University Guest house/ International Youth Hostel Zakura Campus with complementary breakfast to limited participants on first cum first serve upon request/preference during registration form submission as per rates mentioned below:

₹750 (Shared) | ₹1250 (Single) + 5% GST

However, participants can also work at their own level for accommodation at Hotels/Houseboats that may require advanced booking in view of tourist rush in September with tentative rates mentioned below:

Economy Hotels:

₹ 1,500-25,00/person/night

Deluxe 3-star Hotels/Houseboat:

₹3,000-5,000/person/night

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UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

Established originally in 1948, University of Kashmir is the oldest and prestigious institution with NAAC A++ Grade and securing 34th rank in NIRF-2025. The University has intellectually stimulating environment with start of art facilities, diverse academic offerings and strong and significant research footprint

striving to become world class university to create and disseminate knowledge for human development and welfare and facilitate academic freedom, diversity and harmony. The main campus, spreads over 100 hectares, is set in a picturesque landscape bordered by Dal Lake and surrounded by hillocks, plains and water bodies.

LOCATION

The University campus, near the revered Hazratbal Shrine and overlooking Dal Lake, is about 10 km from the Tourist Reception Center (city centre), 16 km from Nowgam Railway Station, and 25 km from Srinagar Airport. It lies 260 km from Jammu, with road travel (taxi/bus) taking around 5–6 hours.



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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

The Department of Environmental Science is a key interdisciplinary Centre for teaching, research, consultancy, and outreach, offering PG and Ph.D. programs that shape future environmental thinkers, decision-makers, and problem-solvers. Aligned with NEP-2020, National Missions, and SDGs, its curriculum

covers core Environmental Science. Research being carried out is socially relevant, locally responsive, and nationally significant, influencing state and national policy. The Department's impactful research footprint is evident through grants and publications, alongside a strong record in consultancy and outreach activities.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOINFORMATICS

The Department of Geoinformatics at the University of Kashmir is a leading centre for geospatial education and research in the Himalayan region. It integrates Remote sensing, GIS, GNSS, and geospatial modelling to address environmental and disaster-related challenges. The

Department offers NEP 2020-aligned M.Sc. and Ph.D. programs with strong practical training. Research focuses on climate change, hazards, and sustainable development, supported by advanced labs and collaborations, while contributing to national geospatial initiatives.

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