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Round Table Meeting on Biosolids at New Delhi: A Discussion on Formulation of Guidelines for Treatment and Reuse

The Global Sanitation Center of Excellence (GSCOE) and the Technology Innovation Foundation (TECHIN) of IIT Palakkad jointly organized a roundtable meeting on "Biosolids: A discussion on the formulation of guidelines for treatment and reuse" on 08th of November 2023 at the India Habitat Center, New Delhi. The meeting was intended to foster in-depth discussions and collaborative brainstorming with key stakeholders working in the domain of biosolids, at the national level. The Center of Excellence at IIT Palakkad is playing a pivotal role in collating these efforts done by various expert groups. The collaboration is expected to facilitate the development of national-level standards for the application and reuse of biosolids. The event was enriched with the launch of the lab Alliance kick-off meeting, led by the Centre for Science and Environment and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Distinguished personalities, including Prof. A. Seshadri Sekhar (Director, IIT Palakkad), Dr. Manoranjan Mohanty (Adviser/Scientist 'G' - Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India), Dr. V. K. Chaurasia (CPHEEO, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs), Dr. Sapna Poti (Strategic Alliance Division, PSA's office), Dr. Sunita Narain (Director General, Centre for Science and Environment), Dr. Roshan Shrestha (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation), were among others who graced the event with their presence and valuable deliberations. Representatives of various collaborating institutes and national agencies such as WASH Institute, CDD, NIUA, BITS Pilani-Goa, CWAS-CEPT University, Indian Plumbing Association, IIHS & Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) were also present.



Plumbing Apprentice Programme (PAP)

Plumbing Apprentice Programme (PAP) conducted by TECHIN and GSCOE of IIT Palakkad, Fourth Batch participants received their Course Completed Certificates and Plumbing tool kits from Dr Vivek Chaturvedi, CEO, TECHIN and Dr Praveena Gangadharan, Project Director, GSCOE, at the Valedictory function held on 29th Nov 2023

PAP new batch is going to start from 11th, December 2023 for Scheduled Tribes candidates of Attappady.

Samastha 5.0 – Pitch Event

Samastha 5.0 is an online pitch event organized by Technology Innovation Foundation of IIT Palakkad (TECHIN) and Global Sanitation Center of Excellence (GSCOE) of IIT Palakkad to identify technological solutions that are at Technology Readiness Level (TRL)-5 and above in the field of Sanitation. Winning teams of the final round may be awarded a grant up to **Rs 20 lakhs**

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Deadline extended to 5th Dec 2023

For more details & guidelines visit: <https://techin-iitpkd.org/samastha-5-0/>

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The Pitch and Evaluation of shortlisted teams will be done on, **18th Dec and 20th Dec 2023**