

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) was founded in 1984 as Vellore Engineering College by the Honorable Chancellor Dr. G. Viswanathan. The institution has grown steadily since its humble beginning. It was established with the aim of providing quality higher education on par with international standards. It persistently seeks and adopts innovative methods to improve the quality of higher education on a consistent basis. The campus has a cosmopolitan atmosphere with students from all corners of the globe. Experienced and learned teachers are strongly encouraged to nurture the students. The global standards set at VIT in the field of teaching and research spurs us on in our relentless pursuit of excellence. The highly motivated youngsters on the campus are a constant source of pride. Our Memoranda of Understanding with various international universities are our major strength. They provide for an exchange of students and faculty and encourage joint research projects for the mutual benefit of these universities. Many of our students, who pursue their research projects in foreign universities, bring high quality to their work and esteem to India and have done us proud. With steady steps, we continue our march forward. We look forward to meeting you here at VIT.

ABOUT THE CENTRE

Centre for Clean Environment (CCE) at VIT was established in 2022 with the intention to associate with Global Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations. CCE focuses on finding innovative technologies and sustainable solutions for the environmental issues from local to global scale. The centre address environmental concerns by collaborating with government, industry, non-government organizations and leading academic partners through national and international research networks. Our thrust area of research and consultancy revolves around water & wastewater treatment & management, solid waste management, waste to wealth, clean energy, emerging contaminants, novel methods for environmental remediation, multidisciplinary approach towards environmental monitoring, bioremediation of organic pollutants in soil and water, computations & modelling, heavy metal removal, air pollution & climate change, health risks & environmental impact assessment, environmental awareness, and other relevant areas of environmental concerns.

The centre has several ongoing consultancy and research projects both at regional, national, and international level. The centre targets to use transdisciplinary approach in solving the environmental issues.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

With increasing global emphasis on circular economy principles, the industrial sector is transitioning from conventional linear production models toward systems that minimize waste, maximize resource utilization, and encourage recycling and regeneration.

This workshop aims to explore innovative strategies that promote sustainability, resource efficiency, and environmental responsibility within various industrial sector including leather industries. Emphasizing the core principles—designing out waste, keeping products and materials in use, and regenerating natural systems—the program will highlight practical approaches to optimize resource efficiency, minimize environmental and social impacts, and promote sustainable economic growth. Through discussions and case studies, participants will gain insights into implementing circular practices that balance progress with long-term sustainability.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED

Introduction to Sustainability and Circularity, Circular Strategies and Quantitative Assessment Tools, Cleaner Production Technologies, Wastewater Treatment and Environmental Monitoring, Waste Management and Resource Recovery, Case studies related to Leather industries and Industry-Academia Collaboration.

REGISTRATION FORM

To complete the online registration, the participants need to provide the information using the QR code.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Registration starts: 31st July 2026
- Registration Ends: 1st September 2026
- Registration Confirmation: 15th September 2026



SPARC Sponsored Workshop on

Closing the Loop-
Advancing Circular Economy Strategies for
Sustainable and Resource-Efficient Industries



20th & 21st November 2026

Organized by
Centre for Clean Environment (CCE)
Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore



RESOURCE PERSONS



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The workshop is aligned with the following SDG goals



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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Dr. Shantha Kumar S, Professor, CCE

Coordinators:

Dr. Sunanda Saha, Asst. Professor, CCE

Dr. Monali Priyadarshini, Asst. Professor,
CCE



WHO CAN ATTEND

- ✓ Faculty members from academic institutions/Industrialists/Govt. Officials/Scientists/ Ph. D/ M.S./Research scholars/Students
- ✓ Number of participants limited to 50 (First-come-first served basis)
- ✓ Selection based on the applicable details. The selection committee's decision is final.

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ACCOMMODATION & TRAVEL

- ✓ Free hostel accommodation on a sharing basis will be provided to all participants from 19th November to 21st November 2026.
- ✓ Participants (except students) may book accommodation at the Institute Guest House on payment basis, subject to availability. Alternatively, they may arrange accommodation at nearby hotels. Details are available at <https://vit.ac.in/hotels-in-vellore>.
- ✓ Travel reimbursement Sleeper (students) and AC 3-tier (faculty) will be provided upon submission of valid travel documents; only tickets booked through the IRCTC portal will be eligible for reimbursement.
- ✓ Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be provided on 21st and 22nd November 2026.