



**Sankala**  
Foundation

**Voice for a  
sustainable  
planet**

**Sankala Centre for  
Climate and Sustainability**



The **Sankala Foundation** is a non-profit organisation registered in 2022 under Section (8) of the Companies Act, 2013 of India. Our primary focus is on expanding the knowledge base and encouraging discourse among various stakeholders that contribute towards addressing issues related to climate change and ensuring sustainability. We are committed to contribute in minimising the effects of climate change and environmental disasters, particularly on vulnerable communities.

Sankala, a Hindi word that encapsulates the concept of 'all elemental units coming together as one,' serves as the guiding force behind the foundation and offers a solid platform for synergy of information, ideas, and energy to contribute in making of a climate-resilient and sustainable world. The logo of Sankala is the true reflection of our ultimate aim.



**“The world has enough for everyone's needs, but not for everyone's greed.”**

**- Mahatma Gandhi**

**Sankala logo** incorporates the Bodhi leaf as a symbol of progress towards a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable world. The axil of the leaf joins the ring of the blue planet and the network grids to represent two essential aspects: one, the intimate relationship and inter-connectedness between knowledge, sustainability, and life forms on Earth, and two, the importance of disseminating knowledge, wisdom and best practices with the rest of the world.

The word 'Sankala' in the logo and its union with the globe represent the concept of 'Sankalan' or aggregation. It signifies the coming together of knowledge, ideas, cultures, science, technology, innovation and entrepreneurship. This reflects the association of all these elements in driving the global community towards sustainability and a better future for all.



## Sankala Centre for Climate & Sustainability

The Sankala Centre for Climate and Sustainability (SCCS), established by the foundation, is dedicated to advancing education, research, training, outreach, advice, and advocacy in the field of climate and sustainability. The Centre is committed to collaborate with government and its parastatal organizations at all levels, non-governmental organisations, scientific communities, and domain experts that share similar goals. To bring synergy, these collaborations extend to the local, national, and international levels. At the heart of the Centre's ethos is a resolve to contribute towards improving the quality of life of people, especially disadvantaged and marginalised communities. Through evidence-based policy making and sustainable resource management, we aim to design and support programmes that help eradicate poverty and build inclusive societies.

“ Climate change is a pressing global challenge. It calls for collective human action and comprehensive response. In India, faith and nature have had a deep link since ancient times. ”

- Shri Narendra Modi  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India



## Our Vision

The Centre envisions a green and sustainable planet by contributing in the building of climate and disaster resilient and poverty-free world.



Climate-friendly future



Resilience in the face of disasters



Poverty-free world

## Our Mission

The Centre is dedicated to carry out research, scientific studies, develop ideas and policy framework for knowledge-based advocacy. The Centre is committed to design and provide innovative and scientific solutions to emerging challenges related to climate change, poverty, and resource depletion, and also promote renewability and sustainability. By nurturing partnerships with different stakeholders, the centre aims to promote public policies and best practices for a green transformation on planet earth.



WE ARE LOSING  
**1.2**  
TRILLION TONS OF  
OF ICE EACH YEAR

Source: Earth.org



THE OCEAN GENERATES  
**50%**  
OF THE PLANET'S OXYGEN

Source: UNEP



A GREEN TRANSITION  
WILL CREATE  
MILLIONS OF  
**JOBS** BY 2030

Source: UNEP

## Focus Areas

The Centre focuses on the following key areas aligned with its goals:

### Climate Change

The Centre aims to contribute towards limiting the effects of climate change, promote climate-friendly policies, ESG norms, programmes and best practices, especially aimed at vulnerable sections of society.

### Air & Environment

The Centre addresses public policy issues related to air quality and the environment, promotes sustainable production and consumption, and reinforces environmental stewardship and appropriate technologies.

### Public Health

The Centre focuses on providing solutions for emerging health challenges, affordable and accessible healthcare services, capacity building and leadership development of healthcare professionals, preventive healthcare, and pandemic management.

### Clean Energy

The Centre is committed to contribute towards bringing energy security by promoting diversification of fuel sources, clean energy, energy-efficient technology, innovations, and reducing environmental impacts.

### Biological Diversity

The Centre works with governments at different levels, civil society, local communities and domain experts to conserve biological diversity, restore ecosystems, and increase forest cover to enhance resilience and reduce the impacts of climate change.

### Urban Renewal

The Centre advocates and promotes best practices and models for sustainable urban management. It also aims to promote efficient municipal services, reimagine civic amenities, and citizen-centric governance.

### Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WaSH)

The Centre concentrates on promoting sustainable water management, water governance, reducing groundwater depletion, restoration of water bodies, rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge, environmental sanitation, and improving water quality and hygiene with people's participation.

### Disaster Management

The Centre conducts research, awareness campaigns, and planning for disaster risk reduction, preparedness, and mitigation measures at micro and macro levels.

## Science & Technology

The Centre focuses on research and technology development to address emerging challenges related to climate, sustainability, and depleting natural resources to promote their efficient use and conservation. It works on developing alternate green material and recycling to promote circular economy.

## Innovation & Entrepreneurship

The Centre facilitates an ecosystem for green innovations and entrepreneurship, and fosters skill- building to develop green enterprise to address emerging challenges.

## Education, Communication & Outreach

The Centre emphasises skill development and training at all levels, builds partnerships with premier organisations, knowledge-based public advocacy, and provides reliable resources on sustainability and climate change.

## Sustainable Development

The Centre promotes universal basic services, inclusiveness, education, skilling, entrepreneurship, and investment in human capital as well as appropriate public policy framework to uplift vulnerable populations out of absolute poverty and achieve sustainable development goals.

### The Sankala Internship Programme

The Sankala Internship programme is designed to engage with and provide opportunities to young minds. It ranges from 8 weeks to 12 months and serves as a boot camp for policy and practice enthusiasts. It is meant for potential researchers with interest in public policy and governance, by providing them practical know-how to work at the intersection of government, public policy making, private sectors, innovation & entrepreneurship, and society at large. The course designing and knowledge dissemination is done by domain experts with national and international repute and experience of policy making.

### The Sankala Volunteers Programme

The Sankala Volunteers Programme offers an opportunity to work with the Centre in ongoing programme, campaign, and events. Volunteers collaborate with the Sankala team and contribute to various programmes of the Centre. The volunteers gain valuable knowledge and develop skills through working with the centre and interactions with various stakeholders. This programme is particularly relevant for public spirited individuals looking for opportunities to contribute for Centre's activities to make their life more meaningful.

### The Sankala Experts Corner

The Centre serves as a platform that brings together the domain experts, scientists and professionals from India and abroad to share their insights, experiences and wisdom, and help in generating new ideas and policy framework across various fields. It employs a framework that harnesses the collective expertise of such experts, all working towards the common goal of shaping a sustainable world.





GLOBALLY, AROUND  
**1 MILLION**  
ANIMAL AND PLANT SPECIES  
ARE UNDER THREAT OF  
**EXTINCTION**

Source: [uni.org](http://uni.org)

## Partnership & Collaborations

The Sankala Centre for Climate and Sustainability is a rapidly growing think-tank based in New Delhi, India. Our core mission is to address climate and sustainability issues through cross-cutting research, developing best practices and policy framework, outreach and advocacy.

Sankala thrives on the convergence of ideas, experiences, innovations, entrepreneurship, and collective action through networks at a scale to achieve our goals. For meaningful impact, we sincerely invite the support and look forward to build partnerships with reputed organizations and eminent people, who share similar unwavering commitments and dedication to the cause. By joining hands, collectively we can contribute towards building resilient societies that will safeguard the well-being of future generations and build a sustainable planet earth.



## Advisory Board

### Prof. K. VijayRaghavan

Prof. K. VijayRaghavan, a renowned molecular biologist and former Principal Scientific Advisor to the Indian Government, chairs the Advisory Board of Sankala Foundation. His leadership has earlier significantly shaped institutions like the National Centre for Biological Sciences and India's biotechnology policy.

### Dr. C. N. Pandey

A professor at IIT Gandhinagar, Dr. C. N. Pandey is a distinguished public servant from Indian Forest Service. He has earlier served as Gujarat's Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and chaired the Expert Appraisal Committee for Environment Clearance to Industry-I Sector projects at the national level.

### Prof. Ashutosh Sharma

As the Institute Chair Professor at IIT Kanpur, Dr. Ashutosh Sharma, with over 350 papers and 15 patents, brings valuable academic expertise. His prior leadership as India's Secretary for the Department of Science and Technology will enhance Sankala Foundation's pursuit of impactful research.

### Dr. Leena Srivastava

Dr. Leena Srivastava is currently a member of SDG7 Technical Advisory Group of the United Nations. Previously, she has also served at notable institutions such as the National Security Advisory Board (Government of India) and Asian Development Bank in various capacities.

### Shri Ashok Malik

Shri Ashok Malik, a Partner at The Asia Group and Chair of its New Delhi subsidiary, brings over 30 years of expertise in government, media, and policy. His roles in the Ministry of External Affairs, as a speechwriter for India's President demonstrate his deep involvement in shaping the nation's foreign policy and narrative. As a Padma Shri recipient, Mr. Malik's journey continues to inspire India's sustainable growth and global engagement.

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