

# AQUATIC WEEDS SYMPOSIUM 2024



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Date: 15th and 16th May 2024 (Wednesday and Thursday)

Venue: Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Visva-Bharati

## About the Symposium

The primary goal of the AquaticWeeds Symposium 2024 is to establish a dynamic and collaborative network dedicated to the study of aquatic weeds and their associated research in India. Focused on "Innovations in Weed Management for Sustainable Development," the conference aims to bring together experts, researchers, and professionals to exchange ideas, share cutting-edge insights, and foster collaborations to advance sustainable solutions for effective weed management. Through this symposium, we aspire to contribute to the development of innovative strategies that promote environmental sustainability and contribute to the broader goal of achieving sustainable development.

# Focal Themes

- 1. Management and mitigation of Aquatic Weeds
- 2. Weeds to Energy
- 3.Environmental Impacts and Phytoremediation
- 4. Value addition to Weeds: Fertilizer, Arts, Crafts and Entrepreneurship
- 5. Aquatic Weeds and Rural Livelihood
- 6.Technological Innovation/ Development for utilizing Aquatic Weeds in Agriculture

# **Call For Abstracts**

Only original research and data-based papers that match with the specified focal themes of the seminar are welcomed for submission. Authors are requested to submit abstracts including no more than 250 words, which should include 4-5 keywords. Only Selected abstracts will be called for virtual Presentation.

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### International Conference on Innovations in Invasive Aquatic Weed Management for

Management for Sustainable Development (Hybrid Mode)



Organized By Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan, India & Department of Environmental Studies, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, India In Collaboration with The University of Leeds, UK Industrial Partner Defiant Renewable, Pune



#### About Visva-Bharati

Visva-Bharati (The World's First Living Heritage University) was founded by the first non-European Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Thãkur (popularly known as Tagore) in 1921. In May 1951, Visva-Bharati was declared to be a Central University and "An Institution of National Importance" by an Act of Parliament. The President of India is the Paridarsaka (Visitor) of the University, the Governor of West Bengal is the Pradhana (Rector), and the Prime Minister of India acts as the Acharya (Chancellor). The President of India appoints the Upacharya (Vice-chancellor) of the University. It was granted the status of a unitary, teaching and residential university. The status and function of all the major institutions have been redefined in successive Amendments.

### **About University of Leeds**

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The University of Leeds is a public institution that was established in 1904. The main campus is north of the city centre of Leeds. The University enrolls nearly 40,000 students, drawn from around 140 countries, in its undergraduate and postgraduate courses. Leeds is one of the largest higher education institutions in the UK, renowned globally for the quality of its teaching and research. It is among the top 100 universities in the world according to the QS World University Rankings 2022. The university is also a member of the Russell Group of elite research-intensive universities. A degree from Leeds equips students with the skills employers seek. Graduates from the University of Leeds are in high demand in the job market.

#### **About Defiant Renewables**

Defiant Renewables, Pune is keenly focused on becoming a leading energy solutions provider. The company is focusing efforts to provide sustainable environmental solutions by discovering new methods, new technologies and new ways to aid waste recovery, recycling and help build a sustainable environment. We aspire to deliver cost effective engineering services and products to the global energy economy.

## Registration

There is No Registration fees for the Participants for attending the Conference.

Participants Selected for oral presentations are required to submit a payment of Rs. 500/- INR (for Indian participants) or \$50 (for foreign participants) upon the acceptance of their abstract except the students of Visva-Bharati University.

## **Organizing Committee**

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The oral presentations will be conducted online via the Zoom platform. Each presentation is allocated a duration of 10 minutes and may consist of a maximum of 15 slides.

#### PUBLICATION

The abstract will be published in Seminar Proceedings. Some selected full papers will be published as book chapter in Edited Book with reputed International/National publisher after the seminar.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Last Date of Submission Abstract: 10th May 2024 Last Date of Registration: 13th May 2024 Acceptance for Presentation: 11th May 2024

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