



TWO - DAY STUDENT ACADEMIC PROGRAM  
ON

# WORLD WETLAND DAY

THEME:

WETLANDS AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE:  
CELEBRATING CULTURAL HERITAGE

FEBRUARY 1-2, 2026 | SUNDAY-MONDAY

VENUE: KSTA AUDITORIUM

SAVE WETLAND | SAVE WORLD

## ABOUT KSTA

Karnataka Science and Technology Academy is an organization under Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of Karnataka, which was established under the Chairmanship of distinguished Space Scientist Padma Vibhushan Late Prof. U R Rao [2005-2017] Former Chairman, ISRO / Secretary, DOS, Govt. of India. Padma Shree Awardee Dr. S K Shivakumar, Former Director, Prof. U R Rao Satellite Center, Bengaluru led the Academy from 2017 to 2019, followed by Padma Shree awardee Prof. S Ayyappan, Former Director General, ICAR, Govt. of India who served from 2021 to 2023. Presently chaired by Prof. Rajasab A H, Former Vice Chancellor, Tumkur University, Tumakuru.

## ABOUT WORLD WETLAND DAY

World Wetlands Day, celebrated every February 2nd, commemorates the 1971 adoption of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. This day highlights the critical importance of wetlands (like marshes, swamps, and mangroves) as the "kidneys of the landscape." They are essential for filtering water, storing carbon to fight climate change, and mitigating floods. Academically, this focus allows students to study wetlands' vital role in supporting biodiversity and providing key resources for human well-being, inspiring effective conservation strategies.

## ABOUT PROGRAM

- Wetlands play a vital role in Human health, Climate regulation, Biodiversity conservation, Flood control, Livelihood support Water purification.
- This two-day program aims to promote scientific understanding, research skills, and environmental awareness among UG/PG students through poster presentations, expert lectures, and interactive sessions.

## POSTER THEMES

- Traditional Knowledge and Conservation of Indian Wetlands
- Ramsar Sites of India: Status, Challenges, and Opportunities
- Role of Indigenous Communities in Wetland Management
- Wetlands as Livelihood Sources: Fisheries, Agriculture & Crafts
- Mangroves of India: Natural Shields Against Climate Disasters
- Urban Wetlands in India: Encroachment and Restoration
- Wetlands and Biodiversity Hotspots of India
- Climate Change Impacts on Indian Wetlands
- Sacred Wetlands and Cultural Heritage in India
- Wetlands & Water Security in Semi-Arid India

## TOPICS COVERED

- Indigenous and tribal knowledge systems related to wetlands
- Traditional water harvesting and wetland-based agriculture
- Sacred wetlands, temple tanks, and ritual landscapes
- Community-led wetland conservation models in India
- Gender roles in wetland-based livelihoods
- Oral traditions, folklore, and wetland biodiversity
- Policy recognition of traditional ecological knowledge (TEK)

## PRIZE

1<sup>st</sup> - Rs. 5000/-  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Rs. 3000/-  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Rs. 2000/-

## TARGET GROUP

UG, PG. Research Scholar &  
Teaching Faculty

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION:  
23 JANUARY 2026

## PANEL DISCUSSION

Theme:  
Youth Participation in  
Environmental Research

## REGISTRATION

### PARTICIPATION LINK

<https://forms.gle/TfbJAG3HvV2canGF7>

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION LINK:

<https://forms.gle/EfZy4ijUccJJev6T8>

REGISTRATION FEE - FREE

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