



# Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur Chandrakanta Kesavan Lecture Series



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**Speaker : Mr Chaitanya Gade**

**Exploring Sustainable Solutions: The Symbiotic Recycling Model of Govardhan Eco Village**

## About the Talk



Govardhan Ecovillage (GEV) stands as a beacon of sustainable living in India, garnering recognition from prestigious international bodies such as the United Nations and is accredited to United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), UN Council for Biodiversity (UNCBD), UN Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC) and UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and has received various national and international awards.

This model community not only implements green initiatives within its campus but also collaborates with neighbouring indigenous villages for their sustainable development. Through organic farming, green buildings, waste management, and biodiversity conservation, GEV demonstrates a holistic approach to sustainability. In this seminar, we delve into GEV's innovative Symbiotic Recycling model, where waste is transformed into valuable resources. From composting to plastic pyrolysis, every waste product contributes to other projects within the campus. GEV's initiatives have attracted attention from renowned institutions like Yale and Harvard, serving as a model for ecological sustainability and rural development. Join us to explore how GEV's efforts are shaping a more sustainable future, recognized globally for their impact on eco-tourism and rural development.

## About the Speaker

Mr. Chaitanya Gade is currently serving as Head of Sustainability Monitoring and Evaluation at Govardhan Eco Village. Prior to his current role, Chaitanya has held key positions in renowned organizations such as Accenture and Amdocs, where he honed his skills as a Senior System Analyst and Subject Matter Expert. Mr. Chaitanya Gade brings a unique perspective to the intersection of technology, sustainability, and holistic living with a wealth of experience spanning over two decades. An alumnus of the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, Mr. Chaitanya Gade holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, laying the foundation for his multifaceted career journey.

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