

Pune Knowledge Cluster (PKC) launches

SUST-EN Series

with a Virtual Public Talk on



Presence of green areas in cities is essential for well being of citizens. It is necessary for various reasons such as environmental, aesthetic, emotional and spiritual. All over the world the major cities in Western countries have beautiful green areas. Some cities have large parks of several hundred hectares. However large green areas are seriously lacking in Pune. In this talk a comparative assessment is made of green spaces in Pune vis-a-vis world standards.

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TIME: 4PM TO 5 PM

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Jayant Kulkarni has a B.Tech and an M.Tech degree in Chemical Engineering from IIT (Mumbai). He joined the Indian Forest Service (IFS) to pursue his interest in nature conservation. He received training in wildlife management at Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun. Jayant served as an IFS officer in Maharashtra state and was posted in Melghat Tiger Reserve. He took early retirement from the Indian Forest Service to work for nature conservation from the NGO sector. He is the Executive Director of Conservation Programs in Wildlife Research and Conservation Society. He is interested in several aspects of nature conservation. He is particularly interested in conservation of private forests of Western Ghats, sustainable forest management and ecosystem restoration. He is interested in policy issues of forest and nature conservation. He is interested in participatory nature conservation with involvement of local communities. He is a keen bird watcher and photographer, and loves trekking.



PKC's sustainability and environmental initiatives are focused towards making Pune resilient in terms of food, water and livelihood. Achievement of this goal requires increasing vegetation cover, which other than food, water and livelihood security can also help in climate change mitigation. This also helps in multiple other ways such as increased carbon storage, reduced emissions of GHGs and support industries. PKCs Sust-En series consists of public talks, focused group discussions and workshops with experts in the environment and sustainability space. Through this series, we aim to promote collaborations, co-creation of technologies and conceptualization of city scale projects to solve key issues related to carbon emissions, waste water treatment, improving air quality and green energy production.