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## **About INSCR**

The Indian Network for Soil Contamination Research (INSCR) was established in 1999 with the mission to advance research, foster collaboration, and develop solutions for addressing soil contamination, following the success of an international conference on environmental pollution held in New Delhi, which brought together over 200 distinguished scientists from across the globe, including Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China, Sweden, the UK, the USA, and other nations. Registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 (Registration No. 34693, dated 22nd April 1999), INSCR connects leading researchers across academic, agricultural, and industrial sectors to address soil contamination challenges through collaborative and innovative research.

Since 2017, INSCR has expanded its mission to promote microbiology and scientific literacy across India, building on its foundation of addressing soil contamination challenges through research and collaboration. Through International conferences, hands-on workshops, and outreach programs, INSCR has empowered researchers and students alike. Flagship initiatives such as workshops on Genomics, Metagenomics, and Bioinformatics, alongside scientific writing and communication programs, provide essential training and knowledge exchange opportunities.

INSCR's outreach programs engage young students through hands-on experiments, practical demonstrations, and interactive discussions, igniting curiosity and enthusiasm for microbial sciences and soil contamination. Keeping in view the advances in microbiology and vital role of microorganisms in sustaining our planet earth, the scope and aims of INSCR have been broaden to encompass advance microbiome research, address environmental contamination, foster innovation, promote microbial literacy, and influence policy through education, outreach, and collaboration while maintaining scientific excellence and a non-profit model. Further INSCR has included Indian Society of Ciliate Biology in order to expand its domain. Supported by prestigious organizations like ISME and FEMS, INSCR remains committed to advancing research and fostering collaboration. It also focuses on cultivating awareness to combat soil contamination and promoting microbiological education for a sustainable future.