

Shri Sanket S. Bhondve, IAS, Commissioner, Urban Administration and Development Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, and Shri Divyank Singh, IAS, Additional Commissioner, Urban Administration Department, along with a team from Indore Smart City Development Limited, visited CSIR-NEERI on 21 February 2026 to explore potential science and technology (S&T) interventions for key environmental priorities of Madhya Pradesh. The discussions focused on environmental monitoring, waste management, water security, and other critical sustainability challenges across the state.

During the visit, the delegation was apprised of CSIR-NEERI's pioneering R&D initiatives in water and wastewater treatment and management, including the RISK-PiNET software, IoT Dashboard, Test Bed Facility, and solid waste management solutions. Dr. M. P. Patil, Scientist-G; Dr. Shashikant Sadistap, Scientist-G; Dr. K. V. George, Scientist-G; Dr. Rajesh Biniwale, Scientist-F; Dr. Ritesh Vijay, Scientist-F; Dr. Raghuvanshi Ram, Scientist-G; Dr. Asheesh Sharma, Scientist-F; Dr. Ganesh Kale, Scientist-F; Dr. Piyush Kokate, Scientist-E; Dr. Poonam Shivdutt Kumar, Scientist-E; Er. Abhishek Bisarya, Scientist-D; and Dr. Kumar Amrit, Scientist-D participated in discussions across diverse environmental domains and explored avenues for strategic collaboration to deliver sustainable, scalable, and technology-driven solutions aligned with the environmental priorities of Madhya Pradesh.

The delegation visited the Institute's Test Bed Facility, where they observed the functioning of the UCCW-based sewage treatment plant and natural wastewater treatment systems installed in the campus. They appreciated the practical applicability of RISK-PiNET and IoT Dashboard in strengthening urban water governance and expressed keen interest in initiating pilot projects in Jabalpur and Indore to implement these S&T-driven solutions for improved environmental management and service delivery.

