

Dr. Ankit Gupta represented CSIR-NEERI at the 6th WasteTech India Forum 2026, where he participated in the panel discussion on ‘Enabling Circular Electronics & Battery Value Chains: From Design to Responsible Consumption.’

The session underscored the imperative to transition from a recycling-centric approach to a value-retention framework, with a strong focus on design for circularity and responsible consumption. During the discussion, Dr. Gupta highlighted the need to embed reparability at the design stage, strengthen secondary markets through robust techno-economic frameworks, integrate informal collection systems with formal mechanisms, and advance circularity that is environmentally sound, economically viable, and systemically integrated.



