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Special Issue on **‘Conservation and Management of Water Bodies: Ambedkar and Beyond’**

MCWR in collaboration with Dr
Ambekar International Centre
(DAIC)*

INTRODUCTION

MAS Council for Water and River (MCWR) is an evolving collective originally formed by like-minded individuals who were concerned about the state of the water bodies, globally. Currently, it works towards bringing together individuals, professionals, organizations, and societies working in the field of preservation, conservation, rejuvenation, revival, management and maintenance of rivers and water bodies.

Motivated by the idea of how an improved state of water bodies will eventually result in a million human smiles MCWR started building an organic online repository of resources with a view to create awareness around water bodies/Yamuna. Known as 'Million Smiles' (Millionsmiles.net), this initiative appreciated and documented the multiplicity of approaches in dealing with issues related to water bodies/Yamuna, and their intersections across disciplines and skill domains.

Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC) was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on 7th December 2017. The Honourable Prime Minister has envisaged the centre as 'Centre of Excellence' for study, research, analysis and policy making in the field of Socio-Economic Transformation. The focus of the centre is to reduce Socio-political and economic inequalities by conducting rigorous and authoritative research.

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THEMES

- **Ambedkar and Water Bodies:** This section will highlight Dr Ambedkar's varied contributions regarding conservation and management of water bodies alongside showcasing his thoughts on how access to water could serve as an instrument of equality.
- **History and Mythology:** This section will explore how rivers and water bodies have been depicted in mythology and worshipped too. With the help of some examples, it will also deal with the history of management of some water bodies in the past.
- **Successful Case Studies:** This section will bring together successful or progressive case studies of restoration or rejuvenation, government or otherwise, from different parts of country. This will include examples like Namami Gange, restoration of lakes in Bangalore, managing Kolkata's wetlands, Sabarmati Riverfront, or the Amrit Sarovar project which brings together communities, Panchayati Raj institutions and public representatives around revival of traditional pokhars.
- **Policy and Community Frameworks:** This section will explore various policy and vision frameworks regarding governance of rivers and water bodies. It will cover a range of issues including, tackling pollution, floodplain encroachments, community involvement, and development of recreational ecosystems around them. The section will also invite contributions regarding the future development of water bodies.
- **Technology and Water:** Futuristic in scope, this section will deal with smart solutions involving technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI).



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **Business or Service Promotion:** Writeup should not promote any company or service, in explicit or inexplicit way. It should not refer to any company or its products within the article. Author may give reference to company, product or service after the conclusion of article in no more than 75 words.
- **Unpublished Content:** The article/content should be original and unpublished.
- **Shared Copyright:** The article will have shared copyright amongst the author and the publisher- DAIC (Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt of India) and MCWR
- **Correction:** By submitting the article, it is assumed that the author has agreed for editorial corrections.
- **Length of Text:** Length of the article (numbers of words in an article) can be flexible. Preferably the length of around 1500-3000 words.
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- **Tables & Graphs:** The tables and graphs should be in editable format—MS Word/Pages or MS Excel/ Numbers format. They should not be sent us pictures.
- **Caption:** Images & Tables should have appropriate captions accompanying it or mentioned separately at the end of the article with image/table name or number.
- **Author Introduction & Photograph:** Article should be accompanied with a photograph of the author along with an introduction not exceeding 65 words.

WHY SHOULD YOU SUBMIT?

This special issue offers a unique opportunity for your work to be published in **Samajik Nyay Sandesh**, the official quarterly magazine of the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC): a Centre of Excellence under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

Curated in collaboration with the MAS Council for Water and River (MCWR), this issue focuses on the theme:

“Conservation and Management of Water Bodies: Ambedkar and Beyond”

By contributing, you gain the chance to:

- Have your article published in a nationally circulated government magazine
- Engage with critical themes at the intersection of environmental justice and social equity
- Reach a wide audience including policymakers, researchers, and grassroots practitioners

This is more than a publication—it's a platform to contribute meaningfully to the national conversation on water, sustainability, and Ambedkarite visions of equality.

HOW TO SUBMIT?

The articles are to be submitted by 11:59 PM on June 15, 2025, via Google Form, which can be accessed [here](#).

Only those manuscripts which are submitted through the Google Form shall be considered for publication.

Each author will receive an acknowledgment of receipt of their submission from MCWR shortly after submitting.

Additionally, everyone who submits a paper will receive an invite to the Yamuna Manthan Conference to be held in the Dr. Ambedkar Interational Centre (DAIC), New Delhi on 11th July 2025.



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