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Profile

Dr. Nitai Chandra Kundu is an internationally recognized environmental scientist, public policy expert, researcher and development practitioner with over four decades of experience in environmental management, wetlands conservation, water resource management, sustainable livelihoods and public policy. Under his leadership, SKNM Trust combines scientific excellence with grassroots action to address some of India's most pressing development challenges.

Education

- **Ph.D.**, University of Calcutta

Doctoral research advancing the science and practice of environmental management.

- **Post-Doctoral Studies**, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom

Environmental Management — global perspectives on policy, water and urban ecosystems.

Leadership Across Premier Institutions

- **Institute of Environmental Studies & Wetland Management** — Senior leadership driving research, policy and capacity building on wetlands and ecosystems.
- **East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority** — Stewardship of the Ramsar-listed East Kolkata Wetlands — biodiversity, livelihoods and natural sewage treatment.
- **West Bengal Pollution Control Board** — Contributed to environmental compliance, monitoring and regulatory frameworks across the state.
- **WAPCOS (Government of India)** — National-level consulting on water resources, infrastructure and integrated development projects.
- **Centre for Environmental Management & Participatory Development (CEMPD)** — Founded and led grassroots-to-policy initiatives on environment, livelihoods and participatory governance.

Areas of Expertise

Environmental Management · Wetlands Conservation · Water Resource Management · Sustainable Livelihoods · Public Policy · Urban Development · Climate Resilience · Participatory Development

Publications

Author of numerous books and peer-reviewed research publications on wetlands, environmental management, urban development, water resources and sustainable livelihoods — shaping policy and practice in India and internationally.

Current Role

Founder & Chairman — SATYA KALI NARAYAN MINATI (SKNM) Trust, Kolkata. Leading the Trust's mission of Seva, Shiksha and Sashaktikaran across eight districts of West Bengal, delivering programmes in education, healthcare, women empowerment, rural development and livelihood promotion.

