

4th LECTURE IN DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

Department of Environmental Science & Engineering, Delhi Technological University

Topic: Careers in Sustainability — Outlook 2026–2035

Speaker: *Pranav Sinha* | Director & Founder, ESGPace

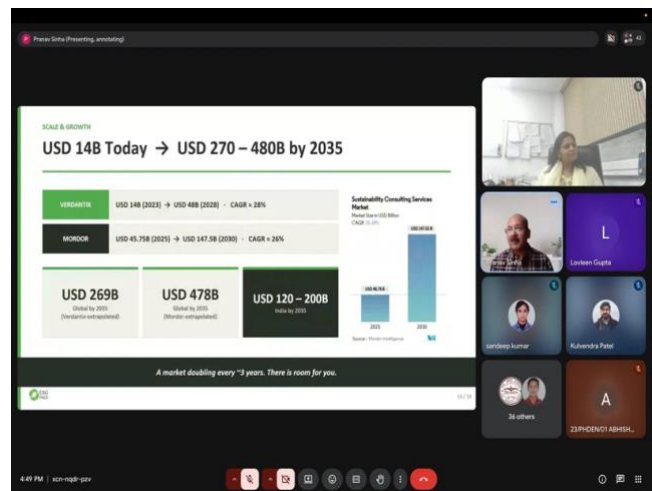
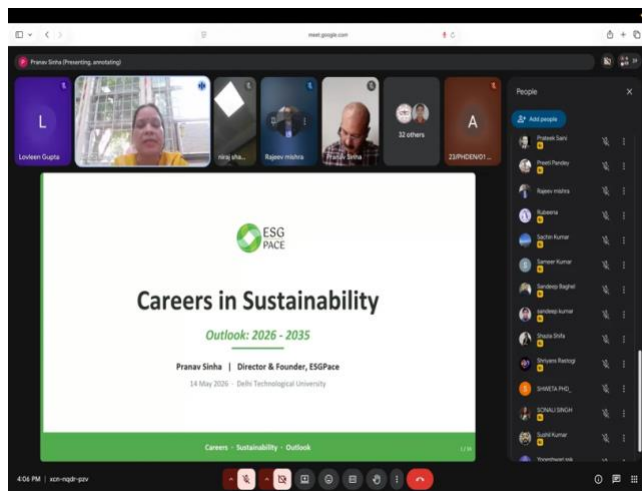
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The Department of Environment Science & Engineering, Delhi Technological University, organised the 4th Lecture in its Distinguished Lecture Series on “Careers in Sustainability: Outlook 2026–2035” on 14 May 2026. The session was delivered online by **Pranav Sinha**, Director & Founder of ESGPace, a practitioner with over 25 years of experience in sustainability strategy, implementation, and reporting across Fortune 500 companies in sectors including Automotive, Pharma, FMCG, Chemicals, and Engineering.

The talk offered students a comprehensive outlook on the sustainability profession. The speaker drew parallels between the industrial upheaval of the 1850s and the current era of AI-driven energy transition, framing it as the “6th Wave of Innovation” — one that will shape careers for the next decade. Key data points highlighted included the USD 2 trillion+ annual clean energy investment (IEA, 2025), the dominance of ESG-related risks in the WEF Global Risks Report 2025, and the projected growth of the sustainability consulting market from USD 14 billion today to USD 270 - 480 billion by 2035.

The session mapped eight distinct career pathways — spanning Consulting, Corporate ESG, Climate Finance, Policy & Think Tanks, Clean Energy Tech, Technical Specialist roles, Reporting & Ratings, and NGO/Research. The speaker emphasised that sustainability will become integral to every professional function, including Finance, Law, Technology, and Marketing.

The talk concluded with five actionable steps for students: building broad knowledge, developing domain depth, mastering data storytelling, tracking evolving regulations, and connecting technology trends to ESG outcomes. The session was well received, with active participation from over 40 attendees.



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Prasen Saha (Presenting, annotating)

TAKEAWAYS

It Is the Best of Times. Make It Count.

WHAT TO REMEMBER

1. It really is the best of times.
The field is bigger and faster growing than at any point in history.
2. Not the time to lose heart.
We don't get to watch from the sidelines. We have a part to play.
3. Eight doors. One field.
Consulting - Corporate Finance - Policy - Clean Tech - Specialist - Ratings & Disclosures - NGOs.
Walk in through any door you choose.

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

→ Look at the world differently.
Start seeing it through a sustainability practitioner's eyes.

→ Pick one area to go deep.
Climate - Energy - Pollution Control - Circularity - Social - Reporting - Finance - Biodiversity.
→ Draft a 5-year plan today.
Skills, internships, roles, employers. Start scrappy — refine quarterly.

Fortune favours the prepared. The next ten years favour the curious.

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THE TAKEAWAY

USD 2 Trillion+ a Year — Now Flowing Into the Transition

\$2 Trillion+
per year now flowing into clean energy (IEA, 2023)

~2x
clean-energy spend vs fossil fuels — and the gap is widening

Money is the fastest signal. It is shouting at us.

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