

# Digital Transformation in Environmental Microbiology: Smart Monitoring Systems for Resilient Cities Environment

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# Introduction

- ▶ **Environmental Challenges in Modern Cities**
- ▶ **Why Microorganisms Matter in Urban Environments**
- ▶ **Urbanization–Climate Change–Public Health Nexus**
- ▶ **Environmental Microbiology and Sustainable Development**
- ▶ **Need for Digital Transformation**

# Research Gaps



- ▶ **Monitoring Systems Remain Fragmented**
- ▶ **Limited Integration of Environmental Microbiology with Smart-City Frameworks**
- ▶ **Lack of Real-Time Microbial Monitoring at Urban Scale**
- ▶ **Relevance of This Study**

# Environmental Microbiology in Smart Cities

- ▶ **Environmental Microbiology: Scope and Importance**
- ▶ **Water Microbiology**
- ▶ **Wastewater Microbiology**
- ▶ **Airborne Microbial Monitoring**
- ▶ **Soil and Urban Ecosystem Monitoring**
- ▶ **One Health Perspective**

# Digital Transformation Foundations

- ▶ What is Digital Transformation?
- ▶ IoT Architecture for Environmental Monitoring
- ▶ Sensor Networks
- ▶ Biosensors and Microbial Detection
- ▶ Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
- ▶ Cloud Computing and Big Data
- ▶ GIS and Spatial Intelligence
- ▶ Digital Twin Ecosystems

# Smart Monitoring Systems



- ▶ Smart Water Quality Monitoring
- ▶ Real-Time Wastewater Surveillance
- ▶ Environmental DNA (eDNA) Monitoring
- ▶ Automated Pathogen Detection
- ▶ Predictive Analytics
- ▶ Early Warning Systems
- ▶ Climate Resilience Monitoring
- ▶ Urban Health Intelligence Platforms
- ▶ Integrated Smart Monitoring Framework

# Case Studies



- ▶ **Wastewater-Based Epidemiology During COVID-19**
- ▶ **National Wastewater Surveillance Systems**
- ▶ **Smart Biosensor-Based Environmental Monitoring**
- ▶ **Singapore's Digital Twin Approach for Environmental Management**
- ▶ **Barcelona and Urban Digital Twins**

# Challenges and Limitations of Smart Monitoring Systems

- ▶ Technical Challenges
- ▶ Data Quality and Missing Data
- ▶ Interoperability Problems

# Governance and Security Challenges

- ▶ Privacy Concerns
- ▶ Cybersecurity Risks
- ▶ Institutional and Organizational Barriers

# Scientific Challenges and Future Research Needs

- ▶ **Microbial Complexity**
- ▶ **Standardization and Validation**
- ▶ **Explainability of AI Systems**

# Future Vision and Research Directions

- ▶ **AI-Driven Autonomous Environmental Monitoring**
- ▶ **Wastewater Digital Twins**
- ▶ **Smart Resilient Cities Framework**
- ▶ **One Health and Smart City Convergence**
- ▶ **Research Agenda 2026–2035**

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