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Preface

The Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE) was established in New Delhi and registered as a Society on 29 January 1999 under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. It is a regional society affiliated with the International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE). INSEE aims to further sustainable development by providing a forum for continuous dialogue among scholars, practitioners, and policy analysts working at the interface of ecology, economy, and society.

INSEE's membership base has grown over the years. Currently, it has 671 members, including 650 Life Members (with an addition of 15 more life members during the past year), 09 Annual Members, out of which 06 are Student Members, and 12 Corporate Members.

INSEE is governed by an executive body elected by its members. The term of the Thirteenth Executive Committee of the INSEE ended in April 2022, and following the successful conduct of the Elections, the Fourteenth Executive Committee (2024-2026) assumed the responsibilities of the Secretariat in May 2024.

The reporting year (2024-25) was an eventful year for INSEE, including a few new initiatives and the initiation of planning for the upcoming Thirteenth biennial conference of the society. The Annual Report summarises events and matters relevant to the Society members.



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Executive Committee Members of INSEE (2024-26)

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Introduction

Starting its journey in 1999, INSEE completed 25 years of its existence as a registered society in 2024-25. The Fourteenth Executive Committee took over the secretariat in May 2024. This year, a new initiative was taken in the form of INSEE PhD Scholars' Talk Series, recognising the need to enhance dialogue among PhD researchers who are members of INSEE and work in the interdisciplinary fields of ecology, economy, and society. Through a series of webinars, it aims to provide a platform for young scholars to showcase their work, receive feedback from peers, exchange ideas, and build networks. The first Webinar of the series was on "Climate Change: Understanding Local and Regional Issues and the Need for Global Cooperation". Two more online events were organised: keeping the Wayanad landslide of 2024 at the backdrop, INSEE organised an online Panel Discussion on "Environment and Development: Thinking Beyond the Binary in the Backdrop of the Wayanad Landslide". It hosted Prof. Madhav Gadgil as one of the panelists. The other event was in the form of a dialogue on "Transdisciplinarity and Sustainability" that elaborated on how transdisciplinary work aims to bridge the gap between knowledge and action and the co-production of knowledge towards sustainability. This year, INSEE has started actively posting the recording of the events on its YouTube channel, for which links are provided on the website.

The Journal of the Society came out with its new volumes and there was further consolidation of the editorial board with new editors and associate editors coming onboard. INSEE continued to receive financial support from the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) for the Journal as well as the society. The society completed the financial audits and the financial support in kind received from esteemed members is placed on record. In this report, we summarise the major and minor activities.

The Fourteenth Executive Committee of INSEE (2024-26)

The fourteenth Executive Committee of INSEE assumed charges on 24 May 2024. Handover of charges took place during the 57th Meeting of the Executive Committee, held at the Observer Research Foundation, Kolkata.



Handover of Duties from INSEE Executive Committee (2022-24) to INSEE Executive Committee (2024-26); Place: ORF, Kolkata, Date: 24 May 2024. (Left to Right): Shreekant Gupta, Arabinda Mishra, Nilanjan Ghosh (outgoing President), Seema Purusothaman (President), Sanatan Nayak, Manjula Menon, Chandrasekhar Bahinipati and Shyamasree Dasgupta

Major Activities

INSEE PhD Scholars' Talk Series

In 2024-25, recognising the need to enhance dialogue among PhD researchers who are members of INSEE and work in the interdisciplinary fields of ecology, economy, and society, INSEE has initiated a PhD Scholars' Talk Series. Through a series of webinars, it aims to provide a platform for young scholars to showcase their work, receive feedback from peers, exchange ideas, and build networks. Additionally, the initiative seeks to engage young researchers with the Society in a more meaningful way.

Webinar 1: Climate Change: Understanding Local and Regional Issues and the Need for Global Cooperation

VENUE: Online

TIME: 14.30-16 IST

DATE: 18 November 2024, Monday.



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PhD Scholars' Talk Series - Webinar I

In the wake of COP29, three INSEE members pursuing their PhD research will discuss

Climate Change
Understanding local and regional issues and the need for global cooperation

Date: 18 November 2024 (Monday)
Time: 2.30 - 4.00PM

Speaker
Pankaj Kumar
Indian Statistical Institute
Delhi

Speaker
Surbhi Vyas
Indian Institute of Technology
Guwahati

Speaker
Ayush Shah
Indian Institute of Technology
Madras

Moderator
Manjula Menon
Vice-President, INSEE
Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Direct joining link: <https://meet.google.com/bof-bptv-gnm?hs=224>

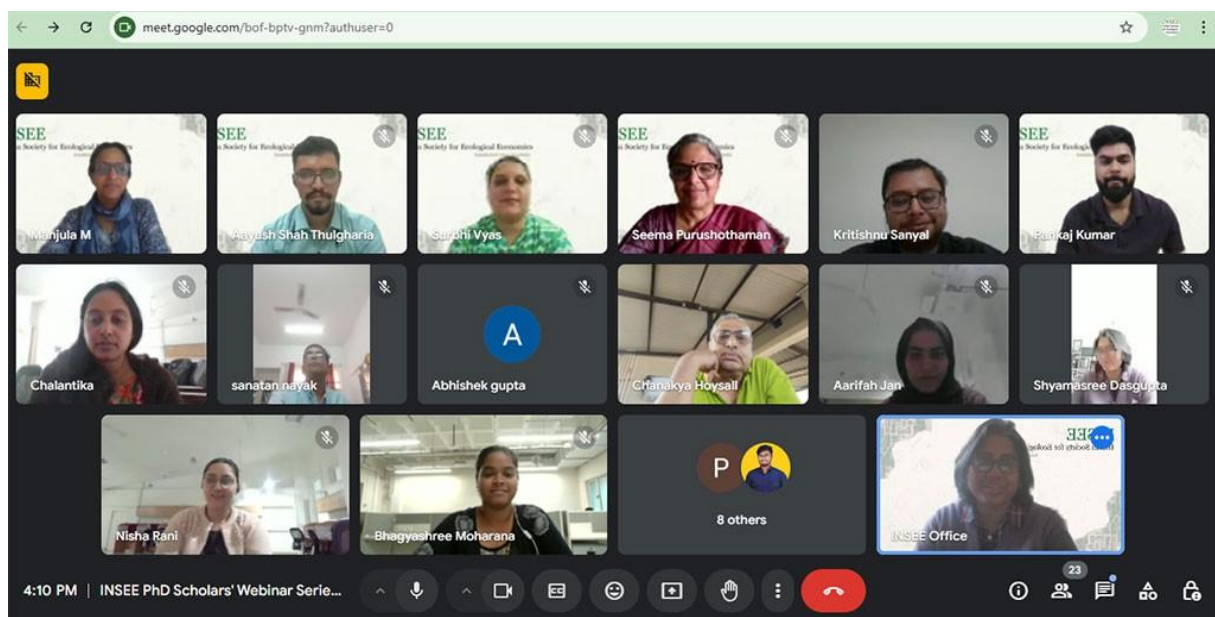
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Designed by Srikanta (INSEE Student Member)

The first webinar of the Talk Series was held on November 18, 2024, in the wake of the 29th Conference of Parties in Azerbaijan. Three PhD scholars—Pankaj Kumar from the Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi; Surbhi Vyas from the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati; and Aayush Shah from the Indian Institute of Technology Madras—shared their research on "Climate Change: Understanding Local and Regional Issues and the Need for Global Cooperation."

Pankaj Kumar discussed how demographic shifts and financial satisfaction influence preferences for environmental protection and the effects of these factors, along with institutional trust, on voluntary participation in environmental organisations. Aayush Shah and Surbhi Vyas presented their research on climate change risk assessment, focusing on the Indian Himalayan Region and the state of Sikkim, respectively, with an emphasis on potential policy intervention points. Prof. Seema Purushothaman, President of INSEE, introduced the session, which was moderated by Dr. Manjula Menon, Vice President of INSEE. Approximately forty attendees participated, including several members of the Executive Committee.




Click [here](#) to view details.

INSEE online panel discussion on "Environment and Development - Thinking Beyond the Binary, in the Backdrop of the Wayanad Landslide"

VENUE: Online

TIME: 14:30 – 16 PM IST

DATE: 5 December 2024, Friday



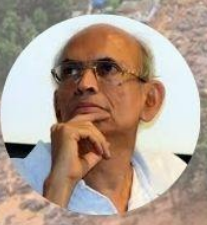
Environment and Development

Thinking Beyond the Binary in the Backdrop of the Wayanad Landslide


Organised by
Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE)

Date: 13 December 2024 (Friday)
Time: 2.30 - 4.00PM


Online joining link: <https://meet.google.com/cif-prbv-dca>




Panelist:
Prof. Madhav Gadgil
Ecologist and Retd. Prof.
IISc Bengaluru




Panelist:
Dr. S Abhilash
CUSAT



Discussant:
Dr. N Anil Kumar
Chairman, Kerala State
Biodiversity Board



Moderator:
Dr. Seema Purushothaman
President, INSEE



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Designed by Srikantha (INSEE Student Member)

In July 2024, Kerala witnessed the deadliest landslide that took place in Wayanad, leading to a massive loss of lives and livelihoods, physical and environmental assets, leaving us pondering once again about Environment and Development. Keeping the Wayanad landslides at the backdrop, INSEE is organising an online Panel Discussion on "Environment and Development: Thinking Beyond the Binary in the Backdrop of the Wayanad Landslide". Binaries such as environment v/s development are common in the broad area of studies and discussions in Sustainable Development. Even after recurring and spreading disasters in all directions of the country, these binaries seem

to rule group-level decisions and actions. This panel discussion was organised to deliberate on going beyond these binaries.

The webinar hosted two panelists: Professor Madhav Gadgil, a Former Professor at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, and Dr. S Abhilash, of the Advanced Centre for Atmospheric Radar Research, CUSAT. Dr. N Anil Kumar, Director of the Kerala Biodiversity Board, was the discussant. Prof. Seema Purushothaman, President, INSEE, moderated the session.

Click [here](#) to view details. The recording of the panel discussion is available [here](#).

INSEE ITD- Alliance Dialogue on Transdisciplinarity and Sustainability

VENUE: Online

TIME: 10:30AM – 12Noon IST

DATE: 26 February 2025, Wednesday

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ITD Alliance
Global Alliance for
Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

A dialogue on
Transdisciplinarity and Sustainability

Organised by
Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE)
and Global Alliance for Inter- and Transdisciplinarity (ITD Alliance)

Date: 26th February 2025 (Wednesday)
Time: 10.30AM - 12.00PM (IST)

Direct link to join: <https://iitmandi.webex.com/iitmandi/j.php?MTID=m02804bcf930236535eb8e543deb3c3dd>

Speakers:
Gabriele Bammer, Professor, Australian National University
Sharachchandra Lele, Distinguished Fellow, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment

Moderator:
Seema Purushothaman, President, Indian Society for Ecological Economics

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Designed by Seikanta (INSEE Student Member) and Parvathy

An online dialogue on “Transdisciplinarity and Sustainability” was co-hosted by the INSEE and Global Alliance for Inter- and Transdisciplinarity (ITD- Alliance) on 26 February 2025. Gabriele Bammer, Professor, Australian National University and Sharachchandra Lele, Distinguished Fellow, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) were the speakers at the event. The deliberation touched upon transdisciplinary-related theory, methods and practice. The dialogue elaborated on how transdisciplinary work aims to bridge the gap between knowledge and action and the co-production of knowledge towards sustainability. The advantage of starting a transdisciplinary discipline is that it allows moving forward together across the globe, and it doesn't have to be the ideas developed in the north.

Click [here](#) to view details. The recording of the dialogue is available [here](#)

Other Matters

A. Publication of Ecology, Economy and Society: The INSEE Journal

In the year 2024-25, *Ecology, Economy and Society – the INSEE Journal* released two issues, Volume 7 No. 2 in July 2024 and Volume 8 No. 1 in January 2025. Also, Indira Singh to the post of Managing Editor EES on an honorary basis for a period of three years starting from April 2024. The Editorial Board had undergone changes during this period: Sudha Vasani joined as an Editor and Ambika Aiyadurai, Saumya Balasubramanya, Bhaswati Das and Balachandra Patil joined as Associate Editors. The details of the Editorial Board are available [here](#).



Features pertaining to indexation –

- Enlisted under UGC Care List
- Has Scopus Index
- Received the DOAJ seal
- DOI obtained for EES with a license from Crossref
- In the Free Journal Network
- AgEcon Search

B. Executive Committee and General Body Meetings

The following meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Body of INSEE was conducted during 2024-25:

- The 56th Meeting of the Executive Committee of INSEE was held on 7 April 2024, Sunday, through virtual mode.
- The 57th meeting of the Executive Committee of the INSEE was held online on 24 May 2024, Friday.
- The 58th meeting of the Executive Committee of the INSEE was held online on 24th July 2024, Wednesday.
- The 59th meeting of the Executive Committee of the INSEE was held online on 26 October 2024, Saturday.
- The 60th meeting of the Executive Committee of the INSEE was held online on 19 March 2025, Wednesday.

C. Membership Matters

As of 1 April 2024, INSEE had 654 members, including 635 Life Members, 07 Annual Members, out of which 04 are Student Members, and 12 Corporate Members. The number rose to 671, including 650 Life Members, 09 Annual Members, out of which 06 are Student Members, and 12 Corporate Members.

D. Financial Assistance from ICSSR

The Society has received generous support from the Indian Council for Social Science Research. INSEE received ICSSR Annual Grant-in-aid for Publication of the Journal 'Ecology, Economy and Society: The INSEE Journal' for the year 2024-25 vide letter 14-J-1/2021-22/PRS dated 25.11.2024. INSEE also received ICSSR Annual Grant-in-Aid for Maintenance and Development of Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE) for the year 2024-25, vide letter 13-M-14/2024-25/PRS dated 26.03.2025.
