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**on
Ecological Restoration for a Resilient Society: Economics, Policies and Institutions
Conference: 12-14 January 2026
Pre- and Post- Conference Workshop on 11 and 15 January 2026**

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Date	Time	Event	Venue
11/1/2026	upto 09:00	Breakfast	Guest House Dining Hall
	09:30 - 10:00	Registration for Pre-conference workshop	SHSS Conference Room
	10:00 - 17:00	Pre-conference workshop on "Tools and Methods for Decision making on Ecological Restoration" in collaboration with Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) <i>Rapporteur: Parvathy C R and Sania Khan Session management: Shalem Balla</i>	SHSS Conference Room
	19:30 - 21:00	Dinner	Guest House Dining Hall
12/1/2026	upto 08:30	Breakfast	Guest House Dining Hall
	08:30 - 09:00	Conference Registration	Foyer
	9:00 - 10:15	Inaugural Session Welcome Address Address by Chairperson, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Mandi Opening Remarks by President, INSEE Vote of Thanks by Secretary INSEE Announcing INSEE Fellows (2025) by Prof. Jayanta Bandyopadhyay, Former INSEE President and Prof. Saudamini Das, INSEE Fellow (2024) Words of acceptance from INSEE Fellows Moderator: Dr. Ramna Thakur <i>Rapporteur: Suphal Sharma and Sania Khan Session management: Nisha Rani</i> Join online: meet.google.com/of0-xuey-ouj	Auditorium
	10:15 - 11:45	Jayanta Bandyopadhyay Endowment Lecture and Panel Discussion Lecture: Prof. Himanshu Kulkarni, ACWADAM Panellists: Dr. Malavika Chauhan, CEDR and Prof. Anamika Barua, IIT Guwahati Moderator: Dr. Deepak Malghan <i>Rapporteur: Shivani Kumaria and Aparna Sharma Session management: Prateek Singh</i> Join online: meet.google.com/of0-xuey-ouj	Auditorium
	11:45 - 13:00	Group Photograph, Networking and Lunch Session management: Tarsem Kasnia	Fountain Area
	13:00 - 14:15	Dialogue on Ecological Restoration in the Indian Himalayan Region (Coordinated by GIZ) A conversation with Jyoti Kashyap, GIZ and Representation from DFO Mandi <i>Rapporteur: Debalina Roy and Sania Khan Session management: Aarifah Jan</i> Join online: meet.google.com/of0-xuey-ouj	Auditorium
	14:15 - 15:45	IDRC - CRB panel on Resource Use Efficiency and Circular Economy in Ecological Restoration for Business Action Moderator: Dr. Bhim Adhikari, IDRC Panellists: Dr. Deepak Malghan, IIM Bangalore; Dr. Vishal Singh, CEDAR; Dr. Aditya Petwal, CRB <i>Rapporteur: Shivani Kumaria and Aparna Sharma Session management: Prateek Singh</i> Join online: meet.google.com/of0-xuey-ouj	Auditorium
	15:45 - 16:00	Tea Break	Foyer
	16:00 - 17:30	Screening of Short Videos: Local Communities and Distributional Outcomes from Restoration Practice Video screening by ATREE and FES Moderator: Prof. Amites Mukhopadhyay, JU <i>Rapporteur: Debalina Roy and Aparna Sharma Session management: Prateek Singh</i> Join online: meet.google.com/of0-xuey-ouj	Auditorium

	18:15 - 19:30	INSEE General Body Meeting Join online: https://meet.google.com/xmm-nsnz-kgh Session management: Nisha Rani	Guest House Conference Room
	19:30 - 21:00	Conference Dinner and Open Mic Session management: Suphal Sharma and Parvathy C R	Fountain Area
13/1/2026	upto 09:00	Breakfast	Guest House Dining Hall
	09:00 - 10:00	Keynote Addresses Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Economics and Finance by Dr. Pushpam Kumar, UNEP and Restoration Economy by Dr. Muralee T, UNCCD Chair: Prof. Mythili Gurumurthy, IGDR <i>Rapporteur: Parvathy C R and Sania Khan</i> Session management: Nisha Rani Join Online: meet.google.com/mif-qtts-goj	Hall A
	10:00 - 11:00	Keynote Address Ecological Restoration: Economics and Finance by Dr. Rohini Chaturvedi, Independent Strategy Consultant Chair: Prof. Shreekant Gupta, DSE <i>Rapporteur: Shivani Kumaria and Nary Kirit</i> Session management: Nisha Rani Join Online: meet.google.com/mif-qtts-goj	Hall A
	11:00 - 11:15	Tea Break	Foyer
	11:15 - 12:45	IDRC -SANDEE panel on Forest Restoration and Its Impacts – Evidence from South Asia Moderator: Dr. Bhim Adhikari, IDRC Panellists: Dr. Mani Nepal, SANDEE-ICIMOD; Dr. Erandathie Pathiraja, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS); Dr. Naya Sharma Paudel, Forest Action, Kathmandu <i>Rapporteur: Suphal Sharma and Nary Kirit</i> Session management: Aarifah Jan Join Online: meet.google.com/mif-qtts-goj	Hall A
	12:45 - 13:45	Lunch	Fountain Area
	13:45 - 15:15	Parallel Session 1: Forest Dependent Communities and Ecological Restoration [Abstract id: 021, 023, 075, 093, 109] Chair: Dr. Mani Nepal, SANDEE-ICIMOD Discussants: Dr. Nilamber Chhetri, IIT Mandi and Dr. Jayanti Ray-Mukherjee Rapporteur: Parvathy C R and Sania Khan Session management: Aarifah Jan Join Online: meet.google.com/mif-qtts-goj	Hall A
	13:45 - 15:15	Parallel Session 2: Gender and Ecological Restoration [Abstract id: 013, 049, 076, 112, 123] Chair: Prof. Sudha Vasani Discussants: Prof. Amitesh Mukhopadhyay, JU (for papers with abstract id 013, 049, 076) and Prof. Saudamini Das, IEG (for papers with abstract id 112 and 123) Rapporteur: Shivani Kumaria and Nary Kirit Session management: Nisha Rani Join Online: meet.google.com/hud-ezqa-rus	Hall B
	15:15 - 15:30	Tea Break	Foyer
	15:30 - 16:30	Parallel Session 3: Forests: Policy and Governance for Restoration [Abstract ids: 017, 024 104] Chair: Prof. Mythili Gurumurthy, IGDR Discussants: Dr. Jayanti Ray-Mukherjee, APU and Dr. Sanatan Nayak, AU Rapporteur: Parvathy C R and Sania Khan Session management: Aarifah Jan Join Online: meet.google.com/mif-qtts-goj	Hall A
	15:30 - 16:30	Parallel Session 4: Ecological Restoration in Agriculture [Abstract ids: 092, 100, 125] Chair: Dr. Tapas Sarangi, NILERD Discussants: Dr. Aditya Petwal and Prof. Indira Devi Rapporteur: Shivani Kumaria and Nary Kirit Session management: Nisha Rani Join Online: meet.google.com/hud-ezqa-rus	Hall B
	16:30 - 17:30	A Session on Ecology Economy and Society - The INSEE Journal Moderator: Prof. Nandan Nawn, Executive Editor, EES and Prof. Sudha Vasani, Editor, EES Rapporteur: Suphal Sharma and Aparna Sharma Session management: Prateek Singh Join Online: meet.google.com/mif-qtts-goj	Hall A
	19:30 - 21:00	Dinner	Guest House Dining Hall
14/1/2026	upto 09:00	Breakfast	Guest House Dining Hall

	09:30 - 10:50	Parallel Session 5: Restoring Urban Ecologies [Abstract id: 007, 015, 071, 102] Chair: Dr. Ramna Thakur, IIT Mandi Discussants: Dr. Soubadra Devi, ATREE Rapporteur: Suphal Sharma and Nary Kirit Session volunteers: Aarifah Jan Join online: meet.google.com/kgz-jtqo-opo	Hall A
	09:30 - 10:50	Parallel Session 6: Institutions and Ecological Restoration [Abstract id: 012, 014, 018, 027] Chair: Dr. Nilamber Chhetri, IIT Mandi Discussants: Nilamber Chhetri, IIT Mandi and Sanatan Nayak, AU Rapporteur: Debalina Roy and Aparna Sharma Session volunteers: Prateek Singh Join Online: meet.google.com/xwk-mfku-uni	Hall B
	10:50 - 11:05	Tea Break	Foyer
	11:05 - 12:00	Parallel Session 7: Restoring Wetlands [Abstract id: 050, 110] Chair: Dr. Tapas Sarangi, NILERD Discussants: Dr. Ramna Thakur, IIT Mandi Rapporteur: Suphal Sharma and Nary Kirit Session volunteers: Aarifah Jan Join online: meet.google.com/kgz-jtqo-opo	Hall A
	11:05 - 12:00	Parallel Session 8: Book Discussion: Environmental Studies from India: Engaging with the Planetary Ecological Crisis Sudha Vasani (ed.), Publisher OUP Authors and Editors: Prof. Sudha Vasani, DU and Prof. Nandan Nawn, JNU Discussants: Dr. Saumya Malviya Rapporteur: Debalina Roy and Aparna Sharma Session volunteers: Prateek Singh Join Online: meet.google.com/xwk-mfku-uni	Hall B
	12:00 - 13:15	Keynote Address: Regenerative Agriculture and Restoration Speaker: Harpinder Sandhu, Federation University Australia Chair: Indira Devi, Kerala Agricultural University Rapporteur: Parvathy C R and Sania Khan Session volunteers: Nisha Rani Join online: meet.google.com/kgz-jtqo-opo	Hall A
	13:15 - 14:00	Lunch Break	Fountain Area
	14:00 - 15:30	INSEE@25 and beyond: A conversation with the former presidents of INSEE Moderator: Prof. Seema Purushothaman, President, INSEE Rapporteur: Deblina Chakravarty and Kritishnu Sanyal Session volunteers: Nisha Rani Join Online: meet.google.com/vnj-wmmm-gfb	Hall A
	15:30 - 16:30	Closing Ceremony followed by High Tea Join Online: meet.google.com/vnj-wmmm-gfb	Hall A
	19:30 - 21:00	Dinner	Guest House Dining Hall
15/1/2026	09:30 - 15:00	Post-conference field- visit	