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NATIONAL SEMINAR ON

SHAPING THE FUTURE – TRENDS AND PERSPECTIVES
IN INDIAN BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
FLAME UNIVERSITY, PUNE

Venue - VKS 003
Friday | 10th January 2025

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

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09:15 - 09:30	Inaugural session	Welcome address by Prof Dishan Kamdar VC, FLAME University
09:30 - 10:30	Keynote Speaker	Dr Nitin Rai (Independent Researcher)
10:30 - 10:45	Refreshment Break	
10:45 - 12:15	Panel 1: FOREST GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS	Moderator - Dr Asmita Kabra (Centre de Sciences Humaines) Panelists - Prof Ashwini Chhatre (Indian School of Business) Ms Meenal Tatpati (Lawyer, Researcher) Ms Neema Pathak Broome (Kalpavriksh) Dr Rajeshree Joshi (BAIF Development Research Foundation)
12:15 - 01:30	Lunch at VKS Dining Hall	
01:30 - 03:00	Panel 2: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT	Moderator - Dr Nitin Rai (Independent Researcher) Panelists - • Mr Jayant Kulkarni (Wildlife Research and Conservation Society) • Dr Pankaj Sekhsaria (Indian Institute of Technology- Bombay) • Prof Ajit Menon (Madras Institute of Development Studies) • Dr Arnab Bose (Independent Practitioner) • Dr Ghazala Shahabuddin (Ashoka University)
03:00 - 03:15	Refreshment Break	
03:15 - 04:45	Panel 3: INDIGENOUS SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES	Moderator - Ms Meenal Tatpati (Lawyer, Researcher) Panelists - • Dr Asmita Kabra (Centre de Sciences Humaines) • Mr Faisal and Mr Mounthees (Keystone Foundation) • Dr Venkat Ramanujam (Shiv Nadar University) • Mr Subash Dolas (Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary)
04:45 - 05:00	Closing remarks	Dr Abhineety Goel (FLAME University)

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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Organizers:

Dr Abhineety Goel (FLAME University) Dr Rajitha Venugopal (FLAME University) Dr Chaitanya Ravi (FLAME University)

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

In today's globalized world, with the increasing effects of climate change, changing political structures and advances in technology, pertinent questions emerge about the future of Indian biodiversity conservation and its interaction with human dimensions in both urban and rural contexts. These interactions often result in issues including (but not limited to) natural resource management, human-wildlife conflicts, land grabbing, indigenous property rights, food insecurity, and inadequate implementation of development infrastructure and schemes. Biodiversity conservation, community development and Sustainable Development Goals are all concurrent themes, with their strong focus on improving the well-being of humans, ending poverty and protecting the planet. Despite significant research and advancement over the previous years, there remains a pressing need to advance the state of knowledge of man-nature dynamics within this context. The disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and multidisciplinary conversations within social sciences can contribute significantly through raising and answering critical questions and making space for lasting solutions and policy recommendations, thus ensuring a sustainable future for all.

The national seminar on Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development will provide a shared platform to scholars, practitioners, and experts in India to exchange knowledge, interact with peers, critically reflect and collaborate. Additionally, it will help promote awareness of recent approaches and developments, cutting edge research and learning of best ground practices and professional networking.

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