

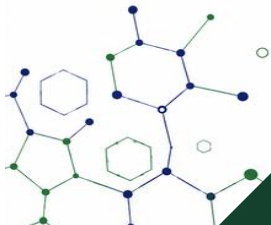


NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HIMALAYAN BIORESOURCES: USE, CONSERVATION & LIVELIHOOD AND EXHIBITION

Date: NOVEMBER 20 - 21, 2026

Venue

CSIR-Institute of Himalayan
Bioresource Technology,
Palampur (HP)



Organized by

**CSIR - Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology,
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&

Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA)



BACKGROUND

"अस्त्युत्तरस्यां दिशि देवतात्मा हिमालयो नाम नगाधिराजः। पूर्वापरौ तोयनिधी वगाह्य स्थितः पृथिव्या इव मानदण्डः॥ (कुमारसम्भव १/१)" The above lines by the legendary Sanskrit poet Kalidasa describe the virtue, importance and expanse of the Himalaya.

Spanning across 11 states and 2 union territories, the Indian Himalayan Region (henceforth referred to as the Himalaya) comprises 16% of India's land area and houses 4% of the country's population. The Himalaya are unique and fragile, harbouring a rich assemblage of flora and fauna; of the ~11000 flowering plant species reported from the region, close to 30% are not found elsewhere. All Indian glaciers and alpine ecosystems occur only in the Himalaya. Additionally, the Himalaya are home to many tribal communities, both migratory and sedentary, each with their characteristic lifestyles and rich knowledge bases.

Thus, the Himalaya represent a bio-cultural landscape of strategic importance that plays a key role in supporting biodiversity, livelihoods, and climate regimes. They not only provide essential ecosystem services to the resident population but also sustain the population living in the plains and lowlands.

However, the Himalaya are now under tremendous pressure- depleting resources, changing environment, natural disasters, rampant development, and rapid lifestyle transformation that require immediate attention.

Therefore, a National Conference on Himalayan Bioresources: Use, Conservation and Livelihood is proposed; it provides an opportunity to discuss current issues in the Himalaya and chart a way forward. The conference aspires to serve as a platform to churn ideas and strategies for inclusive growth and development in the Himalaya vis-à-vis natural resource conservation.



Themes



Novel approaches in documenting & conserving biodiversity



Biodiversity for livelihood



Disasters and nature-based solutions



Ecosystem responses and interactions

Events



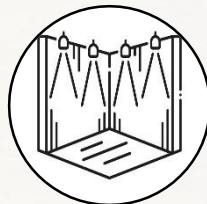
Keynote address



Oral presentation



Poster presentation



Exhibition

About the Organizers

CSIR-IHBT - Nestled in the lap of the majestic Dhauladhar mountains, the CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (CSIR-IHBT) is a constituent laboratory of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research. The institute has a vision "to be a global leader on technologies for boosting bioeconomy through sustainable utilization of Himalayan bioresources." It pursues a mission "to discover, innovate, develop, and disseminate the processes, products, and technologies from Himalayan bioresources for society, industry, environment, and academia."

Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA) originated as the Swadeshi Science Movement initiated by a group of eminent scientists led by Prof. K. I. Vasu at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, with the objective of promoting science rooted in India's cultural and intellectual heritage. The movement gained national momentum and was formally launched as Vijnana Bharati during an All-India meeting held on 20-21 October 1991 near Nagpur. Since then, Vijnana Bharati has evolved into a nationwide scientific organization, working to integrate modern science with traditional Indian knowledge systems, promote scientific temper, and contribute to science policy, education, and public outreach across India.



Who Can Attend

Researchers, faculty members, policymakers and others interested.

How To Apply

Interested participants can register through the link shared below:

[Click here to register](#)

Registration Fees

Applicant	Fees
Researchers/Scholars	₹2000/-
Faculty Members/Scientists	₹3000/-

PAYMENT ACCOUNT:

State Bank of India, HPAU, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh

A/c Name: Director CSIR-IHBT, Palampur, A/c No: 30268795419, IFSC : SBIN0003632

The fee includes conference kit, access to sessions, lunch, dinner and beverages on the conference dates.

The participants have to arrange for their accommodation. However, they can request a shared hostel facility, which shall be provided on a first-come, first-served basis at Rs. 500/day/person, subject to availability.

Important dates

Registration deadline: 25 September 2026

Abstract acceptance: 05 October 2026

Payment deadline: 15 October 2026

How To Reach

CSIR-IHBT, Palampur is accessible via road, rail, and air.

Nearest airport: Dharamshala (Gaggal)

Nearby railway stations: Pathankot, Chakki Bank and Amb (Andaura)

Guidelines

For abstract: The maximum length of the abstract is 250 words, excluding author names and affiliations. The abstract may also include a graphical representation. Use Calibri, font size 12, single-line spacing, without justification, is recommended.

Poster specifications: Height × Width = 46 × 33 inches (Portrait mode). The poster should be readable from a distance of one meter.

Selection Criteria

All submitted abstracts will be evaluated by an expert committee with members representing the identified themes.

Alignment to the themes, novelty, diversity, equity and inclusion will be the main criteria guiding the selection of abstracts.

EXHIBITION (To be handled by Vigyasa HP-Vigyan Bharati)

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