

BIODIVERSITY
FOR ECOLOGICAL
CIVILIZATION

वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् The Earth Community

INTERNATIONAL BIODIVERSITY CONGRESS (IBC 2018)

4-6th OCTOBER 2018

Venue: **FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE (FRI) | DEHRADUN, INDIA**

Organisers





The earth does not belong to man, man belongs to the earth. All things are connected like the blood that unites us all. Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.

– Chief Seattle

CONTEXT AND RATIONALE

In 1992 the international community committed itself to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the UN General Assembly declared the period 2011-2020 as “United Nations Decade on Biodiversity” to promote the implementation of a strategic plan on biodiversity and its overall vision of living in harmony with nature. It is also a period in which the governments have to take concerted efforts to achieve “Aichi Target” or the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) for addressing the underlying causes of biodiversity loss, reduce the pressures on biodiversity, safeguard biodiversity at all levels, enhance the benefits provided by biodiversity. The importance of biodiversity and ecosystems is also reflected in many of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets.

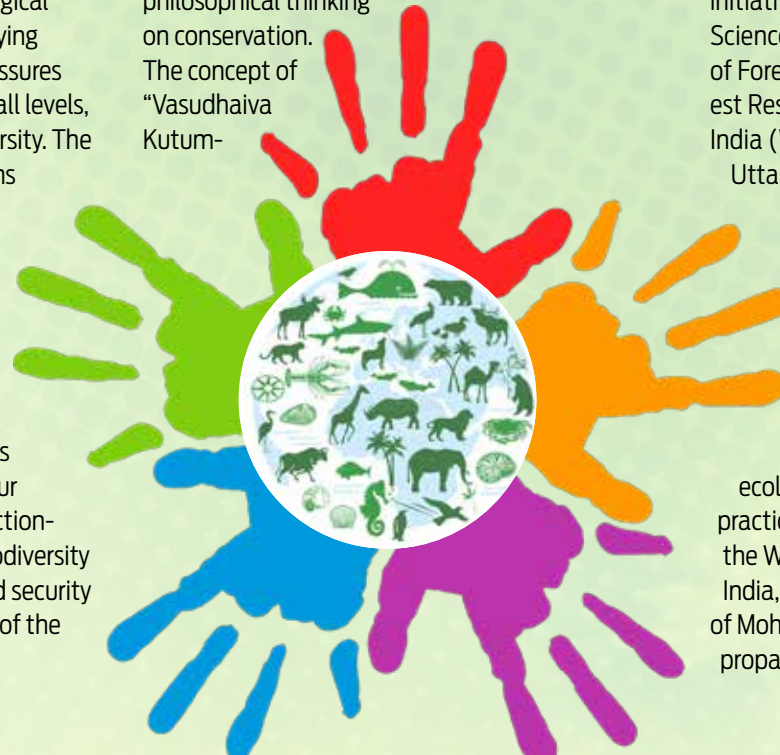
In the Anthropocene, however, the trends of habitat loss, over exploitation, invasive alien species, pollution and climate change coupled with the ever-growing demand of bio resources continue to threaten the functioning of our life-sustaining biosphere. As the very functioning of life in the planet centers around biodiversity and the ecosystem services and livelihood security offered by it, the loss and destabilisation of the web of life hurt us in multiple ways.

Living in harmony with nature has been an integral part of Indian culture. This has been abundantly reflected in a variety of traditional practices, religious beliefs, rituals, folklore, arts and crafts, and in the daily lives of the Indian. Our cultural identity is deeply rooted in our biological environment. Therefore, this era demands collective action, from global to national to local levels towards biodiversity conservation and education, deeply rooted in our ecological civilizations, with a strong philosophical thinking on conservation. The concept of “Vasudhaiva Kutumb-

bakam” inscribed in Maha Upanishad, which means ‘the world is one family’, is essentially the Indian philosophy towards living in harmony with every living being in the planet, and an appeal towards undertaking a transformation from industrial civilization to biodiversity civilization, a human civilization strongly rooted in biodiversity consciousness.

In this context, the International Biodiversity Congress (IBC 2018) is being organised as a joint initiative of Navdanya, Centre for Innovation in Science and Social Action (CISSA), Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Forest Research Institute (FRI), Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board and Uttarakhand Council for Science and Technology, with the support of various international and national governmental and non-governmental organisations.

The IBC 2018 will be held at Forest Research Institute, Dehradun from 4th to 6th October 2018. IBC 2018 is organised in Dehradun, the capital city of the Himalayan state Uttarakhand, where ecology is highly synonymous with the cultural practices. Further, IBC is being organised during the Wildlife Week (2-8 October) celebrations in India, starting with Gandhi Jayanti, the birthday of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, who always propagated the idea of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.



OBJECTIVES

- To facilitate a shift towards ecological civilization that value, cherish and conserve biodiversity to achieve sustainable development goals, both at national and international platforms.
- To strengthen capacity and to promote networking in order to popularise the philosophy of biodiversity for ecological civilization.
- To provide an interdisciplinary platform on matters related to the status, conservation and sustainable utilization of biodiversity.
- To showcase the rich biodiversity heritage of the planet and the linkage between biodiversity, economy, ecosystem services, aesthetics, and cultural evolution.

PROGRAMMES

IBC-2018 includes a wide array of programmes including International Seminar, Exhibition, Women Biodiversity Congress (WBC), Youth Biodiversity Congress (YBC), Civil Society Meet, Workshops, National Photography Exhibition, and Documentary Film Festival, besides a series of satellite and side events and post-conference biodiversity tours.

MAJOR THEME

“Biodiversity for Ecological Civilization: Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”

(Major theme will have only invited presentations)
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THEMES

■ LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY

- ❖ Biodiversity Laws and policies for conservation
- ❖ Convention on Biological Diversity and Biological Diversity Act
- ❖ Cartagena Protocol
- ❖ Nagoya Protocol
- ❖ National Biodiversity Act
- ❖ Trade, Biopiracy and Patents



■ BIODIVERSITY CRISIS

- ❖ Habitat loss and biodiversity
- ❖ Biodiversity loss and ethnic conflicts
- ❖ Biodiversity loss and human displacement
- ❖ Biodiversity loss and water crisis
- ❖ Pollution and biodiversity
- ❖ Globalisation and biodiversity

■ BIODIVERSITY OF FOREST, WILD LIFE AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

- ❖ Biodiversity on land and terrestrial ecosystems
- ❖ Biodiversity below water in marine and fresh water ecosystems
- ❖ Biodiversity loss and desertification
- ❖ Invasive alien species and biodiversity
- ❖ Biodiversity of agriculture system
- ❖ Biodiversity and ecosystem services
- ❖ Biodiversity of Insects and Pollinators
- ❖ Integrative Taxonomy and Conservation
- ❖ Grassroot level interventions

■ BIODIVERSITY FOR FOOD, NUTRITION AND HEALTH

- ❖ Agrobiodiversity and Agroecology
- ❖ Biodiversity for nutrition and food security
- ❖ Nutrition-sensitive agriculture
- ❖ Medicinal plant Diversity
- ❖ Biodiversity and human health
- ❖ Indigenous Health systems
- ❖ Biodiversity in our Gut Microbiome

■ BIODIVERSITY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND PLANETARY HEALTH

- ❖ Biodiversity and planetary Boundary
- ❖ Impact of Climate Change on Biodiversity
- ❖ Biodiversity for mitigation and adaptation to climate change
- ❖ Regenerative Agriculture and Climate mitigation
- ❖ Soil Biodiversity and Climate Change
- ❖ Biodiverse Organic Farming for Climate Resilience

■ BIODIVERSITY AND KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

- ❖ Biodiversity, traditional knowledge and culture
- ❖ Mainstreaming biodiversity
- ❖ Education for biodiversity conservation
- ❖ Biodiversity, Women and traditional knowledge
- ❖ Biopiracy and Knowledge Degradation
- ❖ Bioprospecting for sustainable and equitable use
- ❖ Biodiversity and benefit sharing
- ❖ Biodiversity Informatics

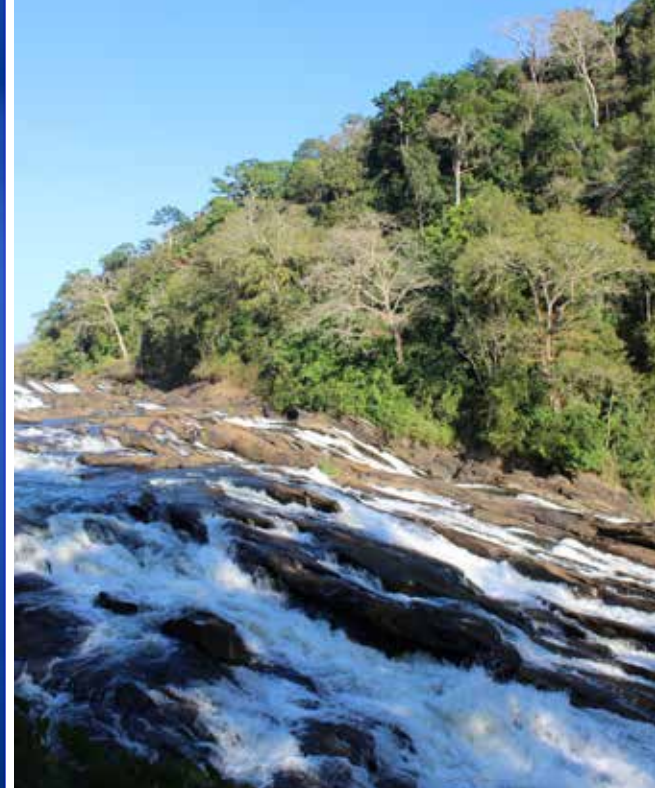
PARTICIPATION

Members of Academic and Research Community, Civil Society, Community Members, Planners, Policy Makers, Students, Corporates etc.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Participants of IBC 2018 are requested to contribute papers for oral/poster presentations on areas pertaining to Congress themes.

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REGISTRATION

Registration Category	On or before July 31, 2018	After July 31, 2018
International Participant (Europe, USA, Japan and Australia)	USD 500	USD 600
International Participant (Latin America, Africa and Asia)	USD 250	USD 300
International Students (Europe, USA, Japan and Australia)	USD 200	USD 250
International Students (Latin America, Africa and Asia)	USD 100	USD 150
Indian participant	Rs. 5000	Rs. 6000
Indian student	Rs. 2000	Rs. 2500
Members from civil society	Rs. 3000	Rs. 5000

Additional bank charges will be levied on online payments

GST Extra

ACCOUNT DETAILS

For Indian Delegates and Students

Name and address of the Bank:

Canara Bank, A-9 DDA Shopping Complex, Defence Colony Lajpat Nagar Main, New Delhi- 110024

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Account Number: **0341101104592**

IFSC Code: **CNRB 0000341**

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FC Bank Account Number: **0341101066629**

Swift Code: **CNRBIN BBDFS**

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IMPORTANT DATES

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

June 30, 2018

ACCEPTANCE OF ABSTRACT

July 30, 2018

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

August 15, 2018

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OTHER EVENTS

ORIGINS: THE INTERNATIONAL BIODIVERSITY EXPO

The International Biodiversity Expo to be held in conjunction with IBC 2018, is an attempt to bring together the government and non-government organisations, academic and R&D organisations, communities and business groups to showcase the rich heritage, wisdom and potentials of the biodiversity, both at global and national levels. The Origins will highlight how everything we depend on has its origins in biodiversity and will demonstrate the linkages of biodiversity to livelihood and culture. It will also demonstrate how the government and communities are working to ensure its conservation and sustainable use now and in the future. In particular, the exhibition explores the multiple aspects of biodiversity contributing to human well-being and describes the direct and indirect factors contributing to biodiversity loss. The exhibition will also highlight the products and geographical indicators in the country related to biodiversity.

Focal Theme: Biodiversity and livelihoods

Sub Themes

- State biodiversity profiles- Exhibition on Biodiversity of various States of India (State Biodiversity Boards, forest, environment, tourism departments, etc).
- Variety of life- Show case of floral and faunal

diversity of India- live exhibits and panel exhibition.

- Climate resilient crop varieties and food systems.
- Artisanal Products, biodiversity ensuring livelihood of tribal and crafts people, non-timbre forest produce, medicinal plants, etc.
- Biodiversity of fibres & textiles

Special pavilions

- Medicinal plant diversity, livelihood & health care
- Plants of Charak Samhita
- Agrobiodiversity of India
- Indigenous cattle diversity
- Jack fruit and other underutilised fruits
- Ecosystem diversity- Panel exhibition on the ecosystem diversity of India.
- Living on the edge- Exhibits of Rare, Endangered and Threatened Species.
- Invasion- Exhibition on Invasive Alien species in India and their impacts

Institutional Pavilions

- Exhibition by the leading research centres, universities and other academic institutions, NGOs, commercial establishments, etc.
- Biodiversity education- Exhibition of books, CDs and other educational resources
- Green Business and Technologies- Exhibition

by business group incorporating biodiversity conservation and green technologies for environment protection, eco-friendly products etc.

- Innovations- Showcasing of innovations in biodiversity conservation.
- Biodiversity Heritage and Natural History of Uttarakhand

Traditional food courts: Tastes of Biodiversity – Biodiverse Food Heritage of India

Participants

International Organisations, National Biodiversity



Authority and State Biodiversity Boards, Central and State Government departments, National Institutions such as Botanical Survey of India, Zoological Survey of India, ICAR institutions, CSIR institutions, Research and Development Centres etc, Universities and other Academic institutions, Non-governmental and Non-profit organizations, Business groups working for biodiversity conservation and marketers of products derived from biodiversity, Photographers and conservationists, Publishers & book marketers, Clubs and forums, Individual with their exhibits / collections, Corporates.

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DIVERSE WOMEN FOR DIVERSITY: A WOMEN AND BIODIVERSITY FESTIVAL

2-3RD OCTOBER 2018

Recognizing women's roles as primary land and resource managers is central to the success of any biodiversity policy. Rural women in particular have an intense interaction with natural resources, given their heavy involvement in collecting and producing food, fuel, medicinal remedies and necessary raw materials. With knowledge passed down through many generations, women frequently acquire a profound understanding of their environment and of biodiversity in particular, yet their contributions to conservation go unrecognized. Just as the impact of biodiversity loss is disproportionately felt by poorer communities, there are also disparities along gender lines. Biodiversity loss affects ac-



cess to education and gender equality by increasing the time spent by women and children in performing certain tasks like collecting valuable resources and services such as fuel, food and water. For the first time, IBC is organising a Women and Biodiversity festival, by bringing together the women, who are the custodians of biodiversity and involved in conservation and awareness at the grassroots. The festival would also bring out a document on the role of women in biodiversity conservation in India. This programme will be organised at the Navdanya Farm, Dehradun on 2-3rd of October as pre-congress event. About 200 women from all over India will participate in the event.

Participants

Students, Research Scholars, Scientists, Farmers, Farmer Representatives, Social Activists, Community Representatives etc.
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YOUTH BIODIVERSITY SUMMIT - 2018

This event is organised with a view to inspire global youth and future leaders of conservation to work for the sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity for a healthy planet and healthy society. The participants will not only get an opportunity to interact with the experts but also get an opportunity to showcase their talents and innovative ideas on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. School and College programs will be organised throughout the year with the support from Uttarakhand Council for Science and Technology (UCOST) and CISSA, Kerala.

The participants will be selected through competitions involving schools and colleges, and special entries will be given to those youth leaders with good track records in the field.

Participants

School and college students, selected youth icons with track records in biodiversity conservation. For details visit our website <https://ibcddn2018.co.in>.

CIVIL SOCIETY MEET

Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), including non-governmental organizations (NGOs), indigenous people's organisations, social/people's movements, professional associations and foundations, faith-based organizations, labour unions, and others, and totally committed individuals who are not part of any 'system', are critical actors in the conservation initiatives. Their involvement in discussions and policy making would definitely give

proper directions to the future conservation paradigms and policy making.

IBC desires to have partnership with CSOs and individuals committed to biodiversity conservation, as we believe that these partnerships are imperative to the success of the programme. Many CSOs have a proven capacity for broad-based mobilization and creating bottom-up demand that fosters responsive governance. Civil society advocacy can facilitate the participation of those very much concerned with conservation and sustainable utilization of biodiversity in the design and implementation of development policies and programmes. This can enhance the delivery of basic social and environmental services, which are very much essential for the future biodiversity conservation scenario of the country. Moreover, members of civil society organizations volunteer their time, skills, and expertise to development. In the recent environmental conservation history of the country, the role played by CSOs towards biodiversity conservation has a bright history. One day of IBC 2018 will be dedicated for the meet, while the members will also get the opportunity to attend IBC for all the days. The recommendations of Civil Society Meet will also form part of IBC recommendations.

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BIODIVERSITY DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

Biodiversity Documentary Film Festival will be organised during IBC 2018. The event will showcase some of the finest films made on the biodiversity richness of Planet Earth, our only home. Several films on Indian natural history will be an added attraction. Only selected best entries will be screened.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

An All India Photography Competition and Exhibition on Biodiversity will be organised in connection with IBC 2018, with entries invited from all over India. The selected entries will be exhibited at the IBC venue.

Themes: Biodiversity, People & Culture

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Navdanya

Navdanya started by world-renowned scientist, author and environmentalist Dr. Vandana Shiva is an organisation committed to the conservation of agricultural biodiversity with the participation of indigenous communities. Since 1987, the Navdanya programme has been saving seeds, promoting organic farming methods, raising awareness on the hazards of bio-safety, genetic engineering and bio-piracy, thereby defending people's traditional food rights and food sovereignty in the face of globalization. Navdanya's focus on collective, cumulative innovation embodies in indigenous knowledge has created a worldwide movement for the defence of the intellectual rights of communities. (<http://www.navdanya.org/>).



Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)

Centre for Innovation in Science and Social Action (CISSA) is a multi-disciplinary organization endowed with a think tank comprising of scientists and professionals from all walks of life, who provides foresighted guidance and orientation for

its diverse feats bridging science with the society. Biodiversity conservation, energy management, organic farming and good food movement are among the many such activities. Currently CISSA is the headquarters of Regional Centre for Expertise (RCE), Thiruvananthapuram acknowledged by United Nations University. Among its recent highlights is 3rd Global Ayurveda Festival inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri. Narendra Modi at Kozhikode in Kerala during February 2016 attended by more than 4000 delegates from 42 countries. CISSA Regional Centre for Expertise (RCE), acknowledged by the UN University, has won the Global Prize of the Education in Sustainable Development (ESD) Okayama Award for 2017 from Japan for organising Kerala Children's Agricultural Science Congress (<http://www.cissa.co.in/>)



Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board (UBB)

The Uttarakhand Biodiversity board was constituted by the Government of Uttarakhand in the year 2006 pursuant to Section-22 of the Biological Diversity



Act, 2002. The functions of the State Biodiversity Board include rendering advice to the State Government, subject to any guidelines issued by the Central Government, on matters relating to the conservation of biodiversity, sustainable use of its components and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of biological resources. In addition, board also functions as a regulatory body by granting of approvals or otherwise, request for commercial utilization or bio-survey and bio-utilization of any biological resource by Indians. In addition, Uttarakhand State Biodiversity Board is creating Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) at the level of every local body created under the provisions of the Panchayati Raj system; making People's Biodiversity Register (PBRs) and documenting the Traditional Knowledge and facilitating the process of Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) for commercial use of Bio-resources/Genetic resources and associated Traditional Knowledge. Since its inception Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board has successfully created 907 BMCs and published 12 PBRs and Bio-cultural Community Protocol (BCPs-documentation of traditional knowledge associated with bio/genetic resources). The Board has also published number of books on bio-resources and other communication and awareness building materials.

Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology (UCOST)

UCOST is an autonomous body of the Government of Uttarakhand, Department of Science & Technology. UCOST started its activities from last quarter of year 2005, However it was registered under the Registration of Societies Act, 1860 in November 2002. The apex body of the Council is the General Body which is chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. This body comprises of the Hon'ble Ministers for Science & Technology, the Chief Secretary & Secretaries from various departments, Vice Chancellors, eminent scientists, representatives from Industries and NGO's. The day to day business is held by the Director General. The Secretary of the department is the chairman of its executive committee. The Council plays a catalytic role for the promotion of S&T in the state and supplement / complement the developmental programmes of the state in different sectors. Mission of the UCOST is "Promotion of Science and Technology for socio-economic benefit of the State and of the nation". UCOST is a nodal agency for the Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India in the state of Uttarakhand. It also advises Government of Uttarakhand on policies and measures necessary to promote utilization of science & Technology for the achievement of the socio-economic objec-



tives. UCOST is also involved in Technology demonstration/extension and transfer and popularization of science through initiating supporting, promoting and coordinating research and development projects and programmes in the state.

The Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun

The Forest Research Institute, Dehradun is engaged in carrying out educational and research works on different aspects of forestry in the jurisdiction states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi. The Institute is involved in carrying out research in four Thrust Areas of Research, one Thrust Area of Education and one Thrust Area of Extension of Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE). The Institute is also pursuing identified priority areas of research in 15 Research Initiatives (Themes) suggested by MoEF& CC. The Forest Research Institute, Deemed University is conducting four Master Degree courses and Ph.D. programmes in 23 different forestry related disciplines. The mandate of the Institute is to provide research support in the field of forest productivity, biodiversity conservation and utilization of forest products to the states of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi and Union Territory of Chan-



digarh. Besides, it undertakes research and consultancy projects throughout the country in many specialized fields. Sustainable Forest Management

Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE)

ICFRE is an autonomous organization under Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India and an apex body in the national forestry research system, has been undertaking the holistic development of forestry research through need-based planning, promoting, conducting and coordinating research, education and extension covering all aspects of forestry. The Council deals with the solution-based forestry research in tune with the emerging issues in the sector, including global concerns such as climate change, conservation of biological diversity, combating desertification and sustainable management and development of resources. Topical research by the Council enhances public confidence in the ability of forest managers and researchers to successfully handle challenges related to natural resource management. The Council is actively engaged in capacity building programmes by conducting various national and international workshops, and training programmes on climate change, Clean Development Mechanism (CMD) and forestry for forest officers and



other stakeholders. The Council is working on forestry and climate change related policy issues leading to international negotiations under United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). ICFRE with headquarters at Dehradun has nine Regional Research Institutes and four Research Centres located in different bio-geographical regions of the country to cater the forestry research needs of the Nation.

Wildlife Institute of India (WII)

WII has emerged as an eminent regional centre for training and research in the field of wildlife conservation under Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India. The Institute was set up in 1982 and granted autonomous status in 1986. The mission of the Institute is “To nurture the development of wildlife science and promote its application in conservation, in consonance with the cultural and socio-economic milieu”. The mandate of the Institute is to build capacity through training, education and research in the field of wildlife conservation, and provide technical and advisory services to the Central and State Governments and South Asia and South East Asia countries. The major contribution of Institute in the field of Wildlife Conservation includes developing scientific basis for identifying a network of Protected Areas for conserving representative biodiversity. The institute has developed knowledge products on various aspects of wildlife management to help field level functionaries to effectively manage our wildlife resources. The Institutes twin activity of Research and Teaching helps it keeping abreast of the best available information on wildlife science. Thus, it is able to provide technical advice on various matters relating to wildlife conservation.



अयं बन्धुरयं नेतिगणना लघुचेतसाम् ।
उदारचरितानां तु वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् ॥
(महोपनिषद्, अध्याय ४, श्लोक ७१)

यह अपना बन्धु है और यह अपना बन्धु नहीं है, इस तरह की गणना छोटे चित्त वाले लोग करते हैं। उदार हृदय वाले लोगों की तो (सम्पूर्ण) धरती ही परिवार है।

*‘Ayam bandhurayam neti ganana laghuchetasam,
udaracharitanam tu vasudhaiva kutumbakam’*

Who discriminate ‘This one is a friend and that one a stranger’ are people with petty minds; people with evolved consciousness embrace the entire world as their own family.



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