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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON
'MOUNTAIN ECOSYSTEM PROCESSES AND SUSTAINABLE
LIVELIHOOD'
(5-7 March 2024)**



Organizer

G.B. PANT NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HIMALAYAN ENVIRONMENT

HIMACHAL REGIONAL CENTER

KULLU, HIMACHAL PRADESH

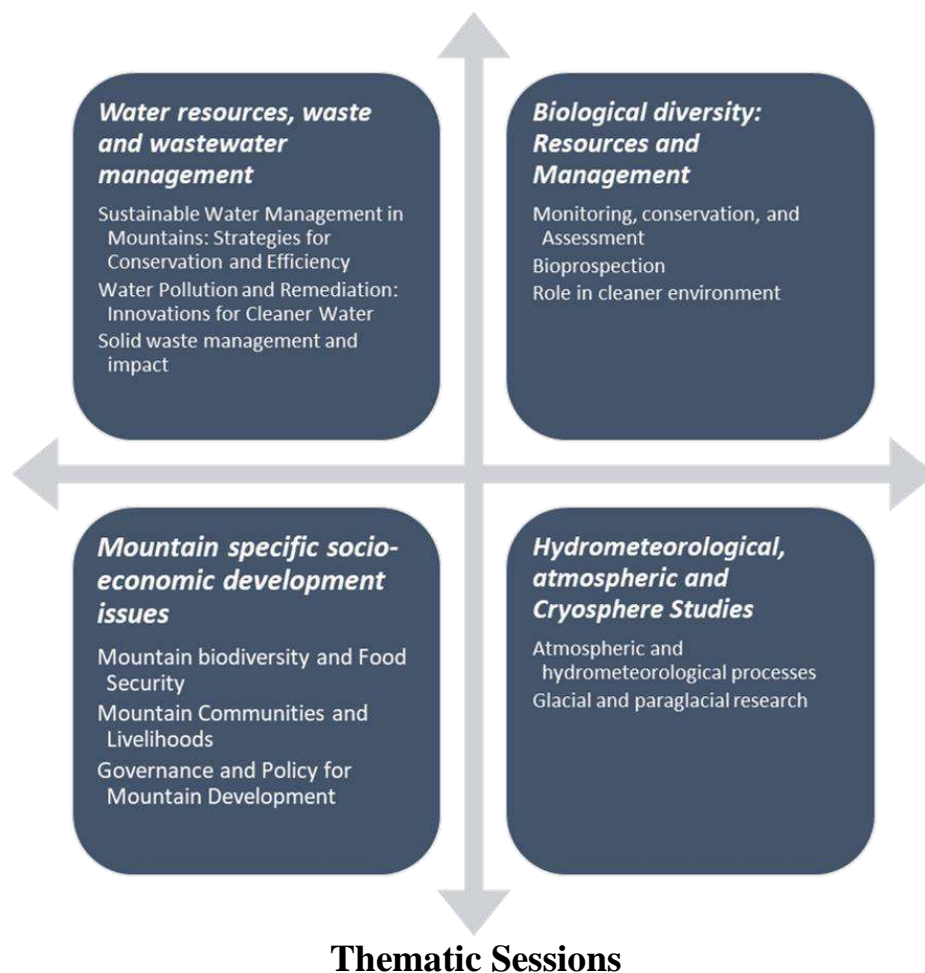
INVITATION

The organizing committee is delighted to invite you to participate in the International Conference on Mountain Ecosystem Processes and Sustainable Livelihoods (ICMEPSL-2023). The conference will be held in a physical format and organized by the Himachal Regional Centre of the G. B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment from March 5th to 7th, 2024 (extended date). ICMEPSL-2023 aims to bring together leading scientists, faculty members, policymakers, field workers, research scholars, and students who are engaged in the study of mountain resources, processes, and mountain-specific livelihoods.



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Mountain ecosystems are inherently unique, offering a multitude of services in the form of fresh water, fertile soil, and bioresources that benefit both ethnic communities and those residing in lower-lying regions. Encompassing roughly 27% of Earth's surface, this distinctive landscape plays host to nearly half of the world's biodiversity hotspots and 30% of all crucial biodiversity areas. Furthermore, it serves as a repository for essential genetic resources, contributing to locally adapted crops and livestock. Mountains exert a significant influence on regional and global climates, influencing air circulation, precipitation patterns, and temperature fluctuations. The spatio-temporal variations in climatic conditions across mountainous terrain, coupled with limited resource availability, have prompted the development of traditional practices among local inhabitants. These encompass various aspects of farming, livestock management, forestry, water usage, and land management systems. Importantly, mountain ecosystems have a direct or indirect impact on downstream communities as well. Globally, mountains confront an array of challenges, ranging from water scarcity, soil degradation, and biodiversity depletion to food insecurity, escalating pollution, mass migration, and environmental hazards like earthquakes, floods, landslides, avalanches, and rapid glacier melt. These issues significantly affect the lives of both mountain dwellers and those residing near these areas. As a result, comprehending mountain ecosystems and their associated processes has become an imperative. This conference is meticulously designed to foster an understanding of mountain ecosystems on a global scale and to explore how livelihood options are being managed within these regions.



STRATEGIC GOAL OF THE CONFERENCE

To promote collaborate and sustainability-based research, ensuring a climate-resilient environment for the future.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission Starts	August 1, 2023
Last Date of Abstract Submission	September 30, 2023
Declaration of accepted abstract	October 30, 2023
Registration Opens	October 31, 2023
Registration Closes	November 30, 2023
Conference	March 5-7, 2024
City Tour	March 7, 2024

REGISTRATION FEE

Categories	Indian delegates	Foreign delegates
Students/young researchers	₹ 1000/-	USD100
Faculties of Academia/ Research institute (Govt/ Private)	₹ 3000/-	USD150
NGO/ PSU/ others	₹ 4000/-	USD250

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION LINK

<https://forms.gle/GiERtFp9GFt3bwyy6>



REGISTRATION LINK AND QR CODE

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PAPER SUBMISSION

Authors are invited to submit abstracts (in English) by October 31, 2023. The abstract should be written in Times New Roman (12 font size for main text and 14 font size for heading) and should not be more than 500 words (including spaces) and can include a maximum of 6 relevant keywords. The abstract should have the details of authors along with the institute or organization details and email id of presenting author. The technical program will include oral and poster presentations and the form of presentation for each paper will be decided by the committee.

AWARDS

The top three Best Paper awards and top three Best poster awards will be announced during the ICMEPSL 2024 valedictory function.

PROCEEDINGS

The abstract will be published in the form of pre-proceedings. Accepted papers will be published either in the form of book or may be called for special edition in peer reviewed journals. Only registered author shall be allowed to present a maximum of one paper.

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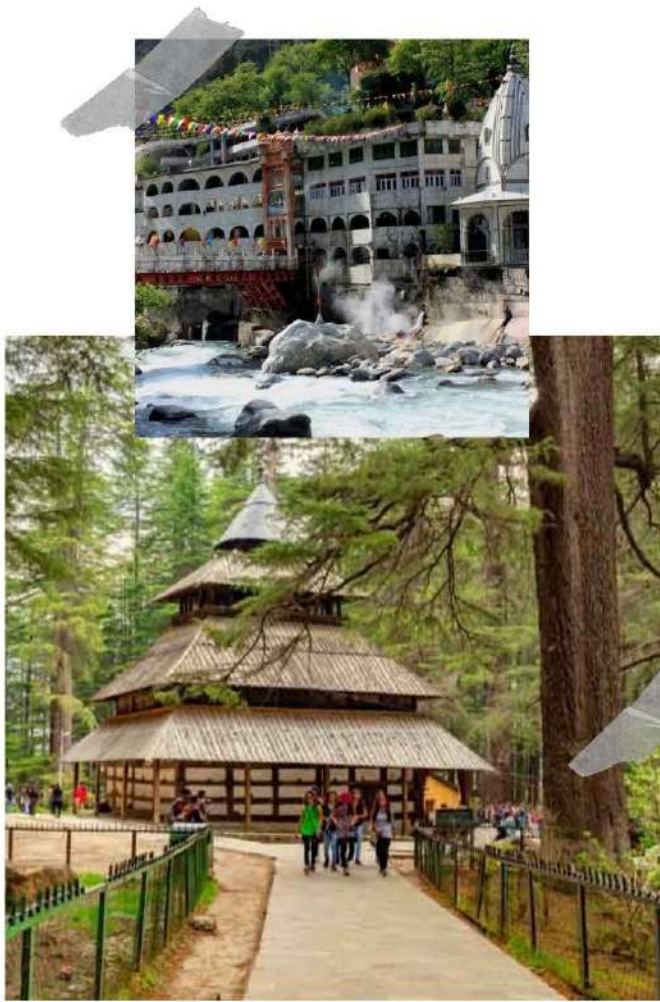
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Places to visit nearby Kullu

together with the river Beas running through the valley, the town of Kullu offers truly magnificent views. Manikarna sahib and Raghunath temple in Manikarn, Bijli Mahadev, Manali, Solang valley, Sissu, Hidimba temple, Roerich art gallery, Nature's park, Hidimba mata temple, tirthani vallye are some of the important nearby tourist places in the region

HOW TO REACH KULLU

Kullu can be reached from Delhi by national highway NH 1 up to Chandigarh and from there by national highway NH21 that passes through Bilaspur, Sunder Nagar and Mandi towns. The road distance from Delhi to Chandigarh by bus is 260 km (160 mi) and from Chandigarh to Kullu is 150 km (about 93.21 mi); the total distance from Delhi to Kullu thus is about 420 km (about 260.98 mi). It's almost a 10-hour journey. Railway services are also available up to Chandigarh, from where one can come though Road transport services. Bhuntar airport is situated near the institute location in Kullu, although Chandigarh airport is a suitable choice for flight services as it is properly connected with other airports. Railway services are also available up to Chandigarh.



About the Institute

G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (formerly known as G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development) was established in 1988-89, during the birth centenary year of Bharat Ratna Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant, as an autonomous Institute of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India, which has been identified as a focal agency to advance scientific knowledge, to evolve integrated management strategies, demonstrate their efficacy for conservation of natural resources, and to ensure environmentally sound development in the entire Indian Himalayan Region (IHR). The Institute tries to support a balance of intricate linkages between socio-cultural, ecological, economic and physical systems that could lead to sustainability in the IHR. To achieve this, the Institute follows a multidisciplinary and comprehensive approach in all its Research and Development programs with emphasis on interlinking natural and social sciences. In this effort, particular attention is given to the preservation of fragile mountain ecosystems, indigenous knowledge systems and sustainable use of natural resources. A conscious effort is made to ensure participation of local inhabitants for long-term acceptance and success of various programs. Training, environmental education and awareness of different stakeholders are essential components of all the R&D program of the Institute.

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