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# NilgiriScapes

**A CONFERENCE FOR  
THE NILGIRIS IN  
THE NILGIRIS**

**The first of a series**

**AIMED TOWARDS THE  
BIO-CULTURALLY  
SUSTAINABLE FUTURE  
OF THE NILGIRIS**

**AUG 18-20, 2023  
FRIDAY- SUNDAY**

**VENUE- RCTC HALL,  
GARDEN ROAD, OOTY  
THE NILGIRIS**

**DETAILS OF THE CONFERENCE IN NEXT FLYER PAGES**

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**ATTN: CONFERENCE SECRETARY**

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## CONCEPT AND OBJECTIVES

- The Nilgiris is a global bio-cultural hotspot, home to diverse indigenous communities, who share the land with rare endemic flora and fauna.
- Over the last two centuries, the demography and natural landscapes have gone through transformations and are in flux.
- Today's major challenge is sustaining the bio-cultural diversity of the Nilgiris.
- In a bid to understand and address some of these crucial issues, a group of like-minded people including a university and NGOs, who have researched and been active in the Nilgiris, have come together.
- They seek an inclusive partnership with key stakeholders in the region to cast light on the past, the present and future prospects.
- The conference features renowned speakers, who have researched/ written on the Nilgiris along with local community leaders and action groups,
- The aim is to create a living knowledge base of the culture, ecology and economy on the Nilgiris and their interlinkages, upon which action plans with a holistic approach will be built on a continuing basis.

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## PROGRAM

### DAY 1 – AUG 18, FRIDAY

- 09.30-10.00 Registrations
- 10.00-10.15 Welcome and Introduction
- 10.15-10.30 Lighting of the Lamp
- 10.30- 11.30 Talk by Professor Paul Hockings
- 11.45-12.45 Talk by Dr Tarun Chhabra
- 12.45- 13.00 Exhibition Opening
  
- 14:00-14:15 Cultural Byte
- 14.15-15.15 Panel Discussion: Sustainability and Policy Dialogue
- 15.00-16.15 Presentation by Keystone Foundation: 30 years working in the Nilgiris
- 16.15-17.15 Talk by Professor Nurit Bird David
- 17.15-18.00 Exhibition

### DAY 2 – AUG 19, SATURDAY

- 10:00-11:00 Talk by Professor Kavita Philip
- 11:00-11:15 Cultural byte
- 11.30-13.15 Invited Presentations on Changing Landscapes
  
- 14:00-15:30 Panel Discussion: Citizens for the Nilgiris-" Whose biosphere is it anyway?"
- 15.45-16.45 Panel Discussion: Economic Drivers-"Where are they going?"
- 16.45-17.45 Talk by Dr. Siddharth Krishnan
- 18.00-19.00 Cultural Event

### DAY 3- AUG 20, SUNDAY

- 09:30-11:00 Panel Discussion: Development initiatives-"Whose development is it and for whom?"
- 11.30-12.30 Talk by Dr. Ramchandra Guha
- 12.30-1300 Summary and Takeaways

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