

EASTERN GHATS SYMPOSIUM 2025: SCHEDULE

Day 1 (24-Nov-2025)

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration				
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Welcome session				
9:15 AM - 11:00 AM	Thematic Session 1: The Big Picture				
9:15 AM -9:45 AM	Ranjit Daniels	History of the Eastern Ghats			
9:45 AM -10:15 AM	Sudarshan Shaw	FolkIndica for the Eastern Ghats			
10:15 AM-10:30 AM	Garima Bora	Long-term marine megafauna monitoring in the Eastern Ghats Seascape			
10:30 AM-11:00 AM	John Mathew	The Mosquitoes of Major Perry's Malarious Measurements			
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Tea break				
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Thematic Session 2: Outreach		Thematic session 3: Behaviour (Parallel)		
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	R Bhanumathi	Moths of Agastya campus, Kuppam, Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh		Mohit M Mudliar	Spatio-temporal patterns of solitary nesting by Olive Ridley sea turtle along the Indian coast.
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Hareesha AS	Bridging Knowledge Gaps: Participatory Biodiversity Monitoring in Seshachalam hills, Eastern Ghats		Viral Joshi	Bioacoustic Monitoring of the Critically Endangered Jerdon's Courser and Nocturnal Bird Communities in the Eastern Ghats
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	G Venkata Subba Reddy	Integrating Infrastructure Development with Biodiversity Conservation: A Case Study from the IIT Tirupati Campus		Dheeraj C L	Get mates or get going: how sexual signalling affects anti-predator behaviour in adult males of Indian Rock Lizards?
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	Sriranjini	Integrating Conservation and Education		Abhishree M K	Impact of beach tourists on the burrowing behavior of the horn-eyed ghost crab
12:30 PM - 12:45 PM	Beta Mahatvaraj	Fishes of the Eastern Ghats		Deyatima Ghosh	Where highways meet habitats: Understanding wildlife behaviour in a fragmented landscape in Papikonda National Park, Andhra Pradesh
12:45 PM - 01:00 PM				Harish Prakash	Drivers of Insectivorous bat activity in an urban landscape
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	LUNCH				
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	Keynote Talk 1				
	Sudha Premnath	An integrated approach to Education, Conservation and Livelihoods - A case study from Kaigal program, FEEL			
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Working Group Discussions				
2:45 PM - 3:05 PM	BR Ramesh	Creating cartographic vegetation maps for the EG			
3:05 PM- 3:20 PM	Karthikeyan Vasudevan	Delineating the Eastern Ghats: A Geospatial Framework for Defining Ecological Boundaries and Conservation Prioritization			
3:25 PM - 3:45 PM	Sayanti Basak and Rahul Kaul	From Assess to Act: Integrating India's National Red List Priorities with Biodiversity Conservation Strategies in the Eastern Ghats			
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Breakout session for WGDs (3 rooms and Rotunda for overflow)				
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Tea Break				
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Public Event: Documentary Screening				
	Sugandhi Gadhadhar & Raghunath 'Rana' Belur	My Otter Diary			
7:30 PM onwards	Dinner & Networking				
	Moth night (optional)				

Day 2 (25-Nov-2025)					
6:00 AM - 8:00 AM	The Edible Weeds Walk (optional)	Dr Nina Sengupta, Auroville			
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Keynote Talk 2				
	Jayashree Ratnam				
9:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Thematic Session 4: Restoration				
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	Arun Venkataraman	Restoring the Tropical Dry Evergreen Forests of Tiruvannamalai			
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Nina Sengupta	Biodiversity-Inclusive Coastal Restoration Relevant to the Eastern Ghats–Coromandel Interface			
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Suraj Pradhan	Community-Based Mangrove Restoration and Conservation along the Bapatla Coast, Andhra Pradesh: Integrating Ecology, Livelihoods, and Climate Resilience			
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Kiran Baldwin	Efforts of the Auroville Botanical Garden towards restoration and landscape conservation			
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Tea break				
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Thematic Session 5: Ecology			Thematic Session 6: Conservation - I	
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Sudhakar Reddy	Integrating Essential biodiversity variables and Geospatial technologies for Data-driven decision making in Eastern Ghats: Current status and future directions		Badri Narayanan Thiagarajan	An analysis of Bird species of Tamil Nadu Eastern Ghats south of the River Cauvery
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM					
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	Anusha Shankar	Lights on, birds off? How does heat and light affect birds?		Shasank Ongole	Insights from State of India's Birds (SolB) for bird conservation in Eastern Ghats
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	Jenis Patel	Large-Scale Habitat Suitability Mapping for the Critically Endangered Jerdon's Courser		Murthy Kantimahanti	King Cobra Conservation Program in the Eastern Ghats of Andhra Pradesh.
12:30 PM - 12:45 PM	Betty Gimenez	Monitoring vegetation dynamics using AI-based automated analysis of pollen rains in the Eastern and Western Ghats forests		Imran S	Human Wildlife Conflict (HWC) in the Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR)
12:45 PM - 1:00 PM	Meghna Krishnadas	Lantana alters tree recruitment in a woody savanna		Rajashekar Tummala	Potential Herbal Extracts to Control Stem Borers of Commercial & Silvicultural Crops in Eastern Ghats Region
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	LUNCH				
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Forest Department Panel (Public) (features a short movie and talks by officers)				
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Poster session				
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Tea Break				
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Public Event - Human History and Geology				
	Shanti Pappu & Akhilesh Kumar	Cutting Edges: Lithics and Landscapes on the Fringes of the Eastern Ghats			
7:30 PM onwards	Dinner & Networking				
	Moth Night (optional)				

Day 3 (26-Nov-2025)					
6:00 AM - 8:00 AM	The Edible Weeds Walk (optional)	Dr Nina Sengupta, Auroville			
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	N Parthasarathy	Ecological Research on plant diversity in forests of southern Eastern Ghats and promising areas of future research			
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Thematic Session: Evolution		Thematic Session: Conservation - II		
9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Archita Sharma	Genomic and plumage variation in Tawny-bellied babbler (<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>)		Brawin Kumar	Unveiling the Distribution and Challenges of the Madras Hedgehog (<i>Paraechinus nudiventris</i>) in Southern India: A multifaceted approach for conservation
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Gautam Kadam	Rediscovery and Habitat Insights of the Salem Ornamental Tarantula (<i>Poecilotheria formosa</i> 1899) from Salem, India		N. Vamshi Krishna Goud	Mammals of ONE's of the Eastern Ghats, Andhra Pradesh
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Jahnvi Joshi	Biotic Exchange Between the Western and Eastern Ghats: Insights From Ancient Centipede Lineages		Gnaneswar Ch	Divided Lands : The intertwined nature of Human-Snake Conflict
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Aparna Lajmi	Understanding the assembly of herpetofauna in the Eastern Ghats		Yogesh Pasul	Socio-Ecological Insights into Hunting and Its Impacts on Wildlife in the Northern-Eastern Ghats, Andhra Pradesh, India
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM				Ayushi Bandyopadhyay	Implications of Forest Degradation on Habitat Preferences of Asian Elephants (<i>Elephas maximus indicus</i>) and Human-Elephant Interactions in Rayagada district, Odisha
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM					
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Tea break				
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Keynote Talk 3				
	Rajashekhar G	Remote sensing techniques and methods for spatial AGB estimates and monitoring forest fires in India			
12:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Closing Session				
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	LUNCH				
2:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Nature Walks (optional)				