

Inter- IISER Panel Discussion on status of North- East Biodiversity

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The Inter-IISER Panel Discussion on the Status of North-East Biodiversity, held on Sunday, 11th July 2021, marked a pivotal initiative by the All-IISER Conservation Committee. This event aimed to shed light on the rich biodiversity of India's northeastern states—an often-overlooked ecological treasure trove. It brought together experts, faculty, and students from IISERs across the nation to discuss the region's natural wealth, potential threats, and strategies for conservation. The event's success laid the groundwork for future collaborative conservation efforts.

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Session on Biodiversity of the North-Eastern Sisters

A Conservation Priority

The event focused on the eight northeastern states of India, collectively housing one of the world's 18 mega-biodiversity hotspots. This region's ecological richness was brought to life through vivid discussions and presentations.

Flora and Fauna in the Spotlight

Speakers emphasized the unique plant and animal species native to the hills and valleys of the northeast, many of which are under threat due to human activity and climate change.

A Beginning with a Purpose

This inaugural session by the All-IISER Conservation Committee set the stage for future events aimed at scientific analysis and actionable solutions to biodiversity challenges.

Collaborative Vision for Conservation

United Across IISERs

The event saw active participation from all IISERs, showcasing a collective commitment to understanding and mitigating ecological challenges. The collaboration exemplified the power of shared scientific goals.

Expertise and Perspectives

Panels comprised leading experts and researchers who provided insights into biodiversity management, sustainable practices, and innovative approaches to conservation.

Building a Network

The event strengthened inter-IISER networks, fostering interdisciplinary dialogue that would serve as the backbone for future conservation-oriented projects.

Impact, Documentation, and Future Goals

Bringing the Northeast to the Fore

The event highlighted the ecological and cultural richness of the northeastern states, sparking conversations around their inclusion in national conservation dialogues.

Participant Engagement

Feedback from attendees highlighted the event's impact in raising awareness and inspiring action. Participants expressed renewed motivation to contribute to ecological preservation efforts.

Digital and Public Outreach

Event documentation, including multimedia assets and key takeaways, is being integrated into Oasis's website. This effort aims to amplify the reach and relevance of the discussions held.

Sustainable Aspirations

Oasis envisions expanding its conservation efforts through collaborative events, sustained research initiatives, and community involvement to ensure a lasting ecological impact.

Associated members - All IISERs Conservation Committee members during September, 2021, members during the same time.

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