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Two-Day International Conference on Sustainability, Biodiversity and Conservation: Implications for Livelihood and Community Development

Organised by the

Department of Zoology & Department of Environmental Science, Shillong College

In collaboration with Meghalaya Biodiversity Board (MBB), Shillong, the Zoological Survey of India, NERC, Shillong and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Shillong College on 6th & 7th of August, 2026

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DAY – 1





Day 1 (6th August 2026): Inaugural Function of the Two-Day International Conference on the theme “Sustainability, Biodiversity and Conservation: Implications for Livelihood and Community Development” held on the 6th and 7th of August, 2026. The programme is being organised by the Department of Zoology and Department of Environmental Science, Shillong College in collaboration with the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board (MBB), Shillong, Zoological Survey of India, NERC, Shillong and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Shillong College.



Special item by the Students of Shillong College





Inviting and Felicitation of Guests and invitees



Welcome speech by Dr. S. Khongwir, Principal, Shillong College



Opening Remarks on ICSBC-2026 by Dr. E. M. Pala, Co-Ordinator, ICSBC-2026



Keynote Address by Dr. Bibhab Kumar Talukdar, Secretary General and Executive Director, Aaranyak



Remark by Dr. Dhira Bhowmick, Editor of the College Journal “Echoes from the Hills”



Release of the Seventh Volume of the College Journal “Echoes from the Hills”



Speech by Guest of Honour, Prof. S. K. Barik, Vice-Chancellor (In-charge), North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong





Felicitation of Shri. Hally War, Padma Shri Awardee 2026



Speech by Chief Guest, Shri. Gavin M. Myllem, Hon'ble MLA, Sohra Assembly Constituency, & Chairman, Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (MIDC), Government of Meghalaya



Vote of thanks by Smt. Stevia Kharmalki, Administrative Officer, Meghalaya Biodiversity Board (MBB), Shillong

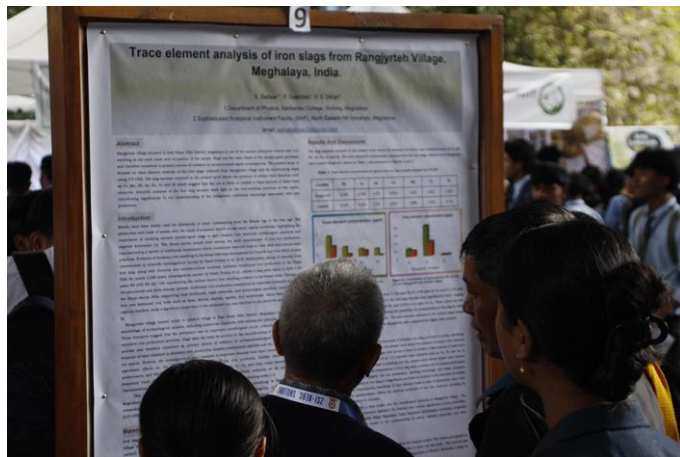


Singing of the National Anthem

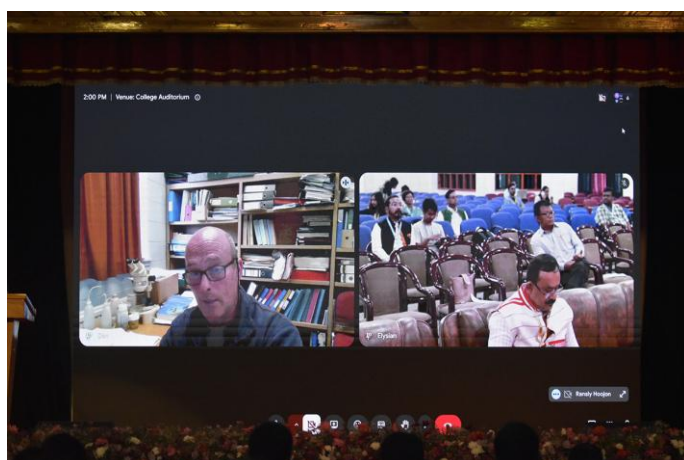




Opening of the Exhibition at the Indoor Sports Infrastructure, Shillong College.



Poster Presentation by Participants.













Study area and Methodology

Study Area

- High-altitude areas (800–1990 m asl) in Meghalaya, Northeast India
- Three forest types:
 - Broadleaved Forest (BF)
 - Mixed Pine Forest (MPF)
 - Pine Forest (PF)

Vegetation Sampling

- 25 quadrats (10 m × 10 m) at every site
- All woody individuals > 5 cm dbh were identified

Data Analysis

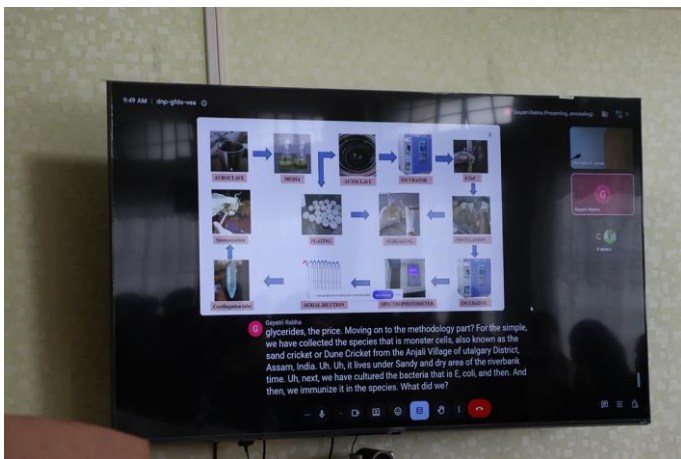
- Species richness
- Stand density analysis
- Diameter-class distribution
- Above-ground biomass (AGB) (Ghosh & Barik 2011)
- Below-ground biomass (BGB)
- Total carbon stock (TCS)
- Principal Component Analysis (PCA)






Technical Session 1 and 2 taking place on Day 1 of the International Conference, featuring insightful presentations and engaging academic deliberations from the experts and participants both online and offline.

DAY - 2







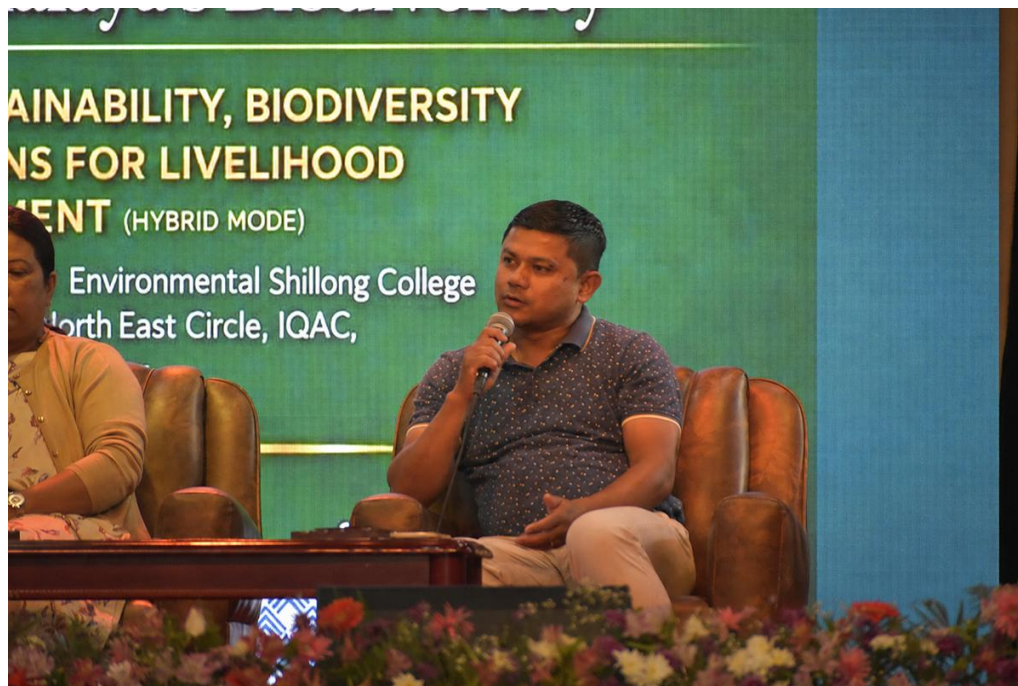


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Day 2 (7th August 2026) : The second day of the International Conference on Sustainability, Biodiversity and Conservation: Implications for Livelihood and Community Development continues with a series of engaging and insightful technical sessions.







Panel Discussion on “Balancing Conservation and Commerce: Sustainable Tourism for Meghalaya's Biodiversity” with Panelist 1. Smt. Mayfereen Ryntathiang, President, Grassroot Shillong, 2. Mr. Alan West Kharkongor, President, The Meghalaya Rural Tourism Forum, Meghalaya, 3. Mr. Robert Lyngdoh, Chief Administrative Officer, Meghalayan Age Limited, Shillong and 4. Dr. Benjamin F. Lyngdoh, The Department of Tourism and Hotel Management, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong.



Valedictory Function of the Two-Day International Conference on the theme “Sustainability, Biodiversity and Conservation: Implications for Livelihood and Community Development”. The Chief Guest for the occasion Shri. Abhilash Baranwal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District, Government of Meghalaya.



Welcome Speech by Dr. S. Sarma, IQAC Coordinator, Shillong College



Address by the Principal, Dr. S. Khongwir





Distribution of Prizes



Speech by the Chief Guest for the occasion Shri. Abhilash Baranwal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District, Government of Meghalaya.



Vote of Thanks by Dr. M. B. Lynser, Co-Ordinator, ICSBC-2026