

## Indian Wildlife Ecology Conference 2026

Time	Program details
<b>July 10</b>	
<b>0830 - 0900</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>0900 - 0930</b>	<b>Opening Session (Inaugural remarks)</b>
<b>0930 - 1100</b>	<b>Plenary 1 (Jahnvi Joshi and Mahesh Sankaran)</b>
<b>1100 - 1130</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>1130 - 1330</b>	<p><b>Symposia + Oral Sessions</b></p> <p><b>S1</b> Ecological degradation in the anthropocene: Detection, estimation, and the consequences for ecosystem function (Ghazala Shahabuddin; Meghna Krishnadas)</p> <p><b>S2</b> Proximate mechanisms of animal behaviour (Maria Thaker; Ratna Ghosal)</p> <p><b>S3</b> Conservation and coexistence: Multidimensional learnings from primatology (Honnavalli N. Kumara; Santanu Mahato; Arijit Pal)</p> <p><b>S5</b> Canids at the crossroads: Coexistence and conflicts in urbanizing India (Nishant Kumar; Priyanka Justa; Neeraj Mahar; Yavdendradev V. Jhala; Arjun Srivathsa)</p> <p><b>OS1</b></p> <p><b>OS2</b></p>
<b>1330 - 1500</b>	<b>Lunch + Poster setup</b>

1500 - 1700	<p><b>Symposia + Oral Sessions</b></p> <p><b>S6</b> Grasslands and savannas - understanding fundamental drivers and predicting impacts of environmental changes (Mayank Kohli; Jayashree Ratnam; Mahesh Sankaran)</p> <p><b>S7</b> The economics of wildlife conservation (Sumeet Gulati)</p> <p><b>S12</b> Advancing biodiversity monitoring and conservation through eDNA (G Umapathy; Mukesh Thakur)</p> <p><b>S18</b> Conservation of river ecosystems (J.A. Johnson; Biju Kumar; Ruchi Badola)</p> <p><b>OS3</b></p> <p><b>OS4</b></p>
1700 - 1830	<p><b>Special Interest Group Meetings</b></p> <p><b>SIG 1</b> Partnering for Connectivity Conservation: The Coalition for Wildlife Corridors (Divya Ramesh, Coalition for Wildlife Corridors)</p> <p><b>SIG 2</b> Initiating a horizon scan: Developing ethical protocols for acoustic monitoring in wildlife and ecology research (Sarika Khanwilkar)</p> <p><b>SIG 3</b> Crocodiles, communities, and conservation science: A special interest group for collective action (Anirudhkumar Vasava, Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History)</p> <p><b>SIG 4</b> Unlocking the potential of citizen science data (Shasank Ongole, Bird Monitoring Team, Nature Conservation Foundation)</p> <p><b>SIG 8</b> Macroecology and macroevolution research in India (Jahnvi Joshi, CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad)</p>
1700 - 1830	<b>Poster Session and Tea</b>
<b>July 11</b>	
0900 - 1030	<b>Plenary 2 (Ashwin Viswanathan and Asad Rahmani)</b>
1030 - 1100	<b>Tea Break</b>

<p><b>1100 - 1300</b></p>	<p><b>Symposia + Oral Sessions</b>  <b>S9</b> Wildlife diseases and significance for ecology and conservation (Bindu Raghavan; Karthikeyan Vasudevan)  <b>S10</b> State of biogeography, diversification and phylogeography research in the Indian subcontinent (Maitreya Sil; Aniruddha Datta-Roy)  <b>S11</b> Can the paleosciences inform landscape and biodiversity conservation? (Ramya Bala Prabhakaran; Renee Borges)  <b>S13</b> Bioacoustic frontiers in behaviour, ecology and conservation (Manjari Jain; Divya Panicker; Satyam Gupta)  <b>OS5</b>  <b>OS6</b></p>
<p><b>1300 - 1430</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch + Posters up</b></p>
<p><b>1430 - 1630</b></p>	<p><b>Symposia + Oral Sessions</b>  <b>S14</b> Behaviour under pressure: How disturbance shapes wildlife ecology (Ahmad Masood Khan)  <b>S15</b> Biodiverse'city in the anthropocene: Pathways for resilient urbanscapes (Seshadri K S; Harish Prakash; Sudhira HS)  <b>S20</b> Biological invasions in a changing world: From exciting science to challenging management (Alok Bang; Manzoor A Shah)  <b>S4</b> Integrating mixed methods for deeper insights in socio-ecological research  <b>OS7</b>  <b>OS8</b></p>

1630 - 1800	<p><b>Special Interest Group Meeting</b></p> <p><b>SIG 6</b> Invasive species - synthesising knowledge across (Geetha Ramaswami, Nature Conservation Foundation)</p> <p><b>SIG 10</b> The role of disease in human-wildlife interactions (Samira Agnihotri; Shomita Mukherjee; Ravi Chellam)</p> <p><b>SIG 11</b> Human-wildlife conflict in changing agro-ecological systems (Bhupinder Kaur Babbar, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana)</p> <p><b>SIG 13</b> Storytelling and theatre - conservation outreach to non-technical public (Vikram Sridhar, Independent Researcher)</p> <p><b><u>Special Session</u></b></p>
1630 - 1800	Poster Session and Tea
1800 - 1900	Panel Discussion (Moderator: Nishant Kumar)
July 12	
0930 - 1100	<p><b>Ajith Kumar Award</b></p> <p><b>Plenary 3 (Anusha Shankar and Maria Thaker)</b></p>
1100 - 1130	Tea Break

1130 - 1330	<p><b>Symposia + Oral Sessions</b></p> <p><b>S16</b> Insects in a changing world (Pritha Dey; Gauri Gharpure; Mansi Mungee)</p> <p><b>S17</b> Invasive plants and wildlife habitat: Mapping threats to India's ecosystems (Milind Bunyan; VV Robin)</p> <p><b>S8</b> A new era in Indian bat research &amp; conservation (Rohit Chakravarty; Baheerathan Murugavel; Melito Pinto)</p> <p><b>S19</b> The farm-forest frontier</p> <p><b>OS9</b></p> <p><b>OS10</b></p>
1330 - 1430	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
1430 - 1600	<p><b>Special Interest Group Meeting</b></p> <p><b>SIG 5</b> Integrating intersectoral approaches for India's biodiversity policy: Green energy, agriculture, land use and forest rights (Anish Banerjee, Think Wildlife Foundation)</p> <p><b>SIG 7</b> Bird window collision in India - what do we know and where do we go from here (Peeyush Sekhsaria, Independent Researcher)</p> <p><b>SIG 12</b> Innovating ecology: Technology for wildlife research (Prachi Mehta, Wildlife Research and Conservation Society; Malyasri Bhattacharya, ZSL EDGE and The Habitats Trust)</p> <p><b>SIG 9</b> Conservation ethics and community engagement in India (Karishma Pradhan, Nature Conservation Foundation; Deepshikha Sharma; Shweta Shivakumar)</p> <p><b>SIG 14</b> Wildlife crime (WTI, Aaranyak)</p> <p><b><u>Special Session (Journal)</u></b></p>
1600 - 1630	<p><b>Tea Break</b></p>
1630 - 1730	<p><b>Panel discussion (Moderator: Robin Vijayan)</b></p>
1730 - 1800	<p><b>Poster prizes and Concluding remarks</b></p>

