



2-DAY WORKSHOP

MANAGING INVASIONS FOR GRASSLAND RESTORATION AND RESILIENCE

13 - 14 JANUARY, 2026

In the Anthropocene, one-third to one-half of the Earth's land surface, and natural ecosystems thereon, have been transformed by human action. Growing biological invasions is a major outcome of such transformation, which eventually has become a direct driver of species extinctions, locally and globally. The rising ecological and economic costs of biological invasions warrant effective monitoring and management of invasive species in natural ecosystems. It is imperative to restore the degraded ecosystems to combat the challenges posed by invasive species, exacerbated by climate change and other anthropogenic pressures. The Kashmir Himalayan grassland ecosystems have been largely understudied from this perspective despite comprising a major part of the terrestrial land area and offering varied ecosystem services, such as carbon sequestration, forage production and climate regulation, besides providing a range of other economic, cultural and recreational benefits. The present workshop has been designed to deliberate upon the following thematic areas:

THEMES:

- Ecological integrity of grasslands and their ecosystem services
- Threats to grasslands – climate change and biological invasions
- Ecological restoration and conservation of grasslands
- Grassland management through stakeholder engagement and community participation

This multidisciplinary workshop brings together the subject experts, policy planners, researchers, students and stakeholders to deliberate upon the key thematic areas

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- KEY NOTE TALKS
- PANEL DISCUSSION
- STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- POLICY DELIBERATION

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ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES:

- Awareness about the importance of grasslands and conservation concerns
- Identification of research gaps and chalking the way forward
- A policy document for ecosystem managers
- Framework for capacity building and creating a cadre of young professionals
- Stakeholder engagement and community participation in ecological restoration

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Students & Research Scholars
- Grassland Managers
- Practitioners, Community Leaders
- Environmental Enthusiasts

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