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Integrated Mountain Initiative

2020-2021

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I. About Integrated Mountain Initiative

Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI) is a civil society led network platform with the mission to mainstream concerns of the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR) and its people in the development dialogue of India. It functions as a platform to integrate the knowledge and experiences of multiple stakeholders working across the IHR, and uses this to inform and influence policy at the national and state level.

All our efforts are directed towards securing for the Indian Himalayan states, their own space and significance in policy and administrative planning nationally.

IMI's mission is to integrate the knowledge and experience of multiple stakeholders working on diverse issues across Indian mountain states independently, this then use this to inform and influence policy, both at the national and state level. IMI aims to create a platform where these stakeholders integrate the collective knowledge and experience through an informed dialogue on identified themes for catalysing action for sustainable development. Translating the dialogues further, our objective is to generate action on such themes through informed, relevant policies and action on ground.

IMI is a decentralized and voluntary initiative of individual members and institutions. IMI maintains a lean organizational structure with a Governing Council elected from among life members for a three year term, and a Secretariat at its core. Individual members based in our mountain states come together to constitute the State Chapters of each state.

Our Members

IMI members, both institutional and individual, are experts in disciplines that inform the establishment of sustainable development practices in the Indian Himalayas. Usually, Institutional members operate as partners, and include the GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development, Almora which is a unit of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, Sustainable Development Forum Nagaland (SDFN), Sustainable Development Forum Arunachal Pradesh (SDFA), EcoTourism & conservation Society of Sikkim (ECOSS), ATREE, Sikkim University, Shoolini University, Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology (UCOST), DLR Prerna, Martin Luther Christian University (MLCU), LEAD India, SARG Vikas Samiti, Deer Park Institute and other such institutions committed to furthering the agenda for mountain development. Individual members work towards executing IMI's driving vision in their respective states and domains. Currently, IMI has 55 individual members and 15 institutional members.

Our State Chapters

IMI operates as a federation of state chapters, each an alliance of individual members aligned to IMI's vision and mission. IMI's strength lies with its strong state chapters who are firmly rooted in their respective states with expertise on specific mountain issues accumulated over many years of their experiences in local mountain development. Since IMI's inception, the individual state chapters have engaged in organizing state-and-district-level seminars, creating state-specific policy briefs and cascading national mountain policy briefs. Each 4 | Making India Proud of our Mountains chapter also attempts to be a reliable source of state-specific information about sustainable development practices in the IHR. It is through our state chapters that IMI is translating the dialogues and collaborations into informed action. Our current state chapters are Sustainable Development Forum Arunachal Pradesh (SDFA), Sustainable Development Forum Nagaland (SDFN), Eco-Tourism and Conservation Society of Sikkim (ECOSS), Sustainable Development Forum of Uttarakhand (SDFU), Mizoram Sustainable Development Foundation (MSDF), Development Initiative for Sustainable Advancement (DISA), Tripura and Meghalaya Integrated Mountain Development Initiative (MIMDI). II.

II. IMI's flagship events

Sustainable Mountain Development Summit (SMDS) IMI decided on an annual conclave of the Indian Himalaya States under the title of 'Sustainable Mountain Development Summit' (SMDS). Each year 3-5 salient themes engaging the immediate attention of and relevant to the mountains and hills would be taken up for threadbare discussion and debate. Conclusions and recommendations emerging from this exercise would be pursued by IMI subsequently. SMDS provides a functional discussion platform for mountain states with determination to follow up what gets collectively agreed upon.

The thematic focus of previous SMDSS held under the aegis of IMI were:

SMDS	Thematic Focus
SMDS – I (2011), Nainital, UK	Hydropower, Climate Change Adaptation, Rural Tourism, Community Forestry
SMDS – II (2012), Gangtok, Sikkim	Water, Forests & Communities, Mountain Livelihoods
SMDS – III (2013), Kohima, Nagaland	Forests, Water: River, Streams & Springs, Mountain Agriculture
SMDS – IV (2015), Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh	Disaster Risk Reduction, Mountain Agriculture, Forests
SMDS – V (2016), Leh, Ladakh	Water Security, Skills
SMDS – VI (2017), Aizawl, Mizoram	Climate Change & Sustainable Mountain Cities

SMDS – VII (2018), Solan, HP	Well-being of Next Generation of Farmers in the Himalayan Region
SMDS – VIII (2019), Shillong, Meghalaya	Sustainable Mountain Initiatives for Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship for Youth
SMDS – IX (2020), Dehradun, Uttarakhand	Emerging pathways for building a resilient post-COVID-19 Mountain Economy: Adaptation, Innovation & Acceleration

Each of these summits have been characterized by diverse discussions, debates and exchanges. They have also produced specific policy briefings and recommendations, which are helping change the dialogue on development practices and policies for the mountain states. Each summit had 200-300 participants, representing a diverse mix of policymakers, eminent scientists, researchers, academics, research and educational institutions, government representatives, legislators, business and industry representatives, international, national and grassroots level NGOs, field practitioners, consultants, experts, eminent citizens and media.

Meet of the Mountain States (MoMS)

To ensure that the initial discussion and enthusiasm generated during the SMDS continues, a Meet of the Mountain States (MoMS) is convened between two SMDS'. MoMS is an avenue for sharing the outcomes of the preceding SMDS which is disseminated to key stakeholders in policymaking at the highest level. It is also a forum for advocacy, particularly directed towards sensitising national policymakers and mountain diaspora about mountain issues. This Meet is used as a platform to influence a wider audience to influence policy and action with cooperation and collective efforts from all the mountain states and key central ministries.

Legislators' Meet

The Legislators' Meet is an important annual event which brings together legislators from mountain states to deliberate and examine key policy measures and highlight issues from the vantage point of the mountain states. This is hosted as an important part of Integrated Mountain Initiative's (IMI) annual 'Sustainable Mountain Development Summit' (SMDS) which addresses key challenges and opportunities of salient themes related to sustainable development of mountains and hills, calling for action. This is done with the following expected outcomes in mind:

- Engage legislators on key policy interventions necessary for taking the outcomes of SMDS forward.
- Strengthen regional level cooperation to make collective submissions towards national policies on the development of mountain and hill regions.
- Identify avenues of urgent focus and potential from the perspective of legislators

III. IMI Projects (2020-2021)

Closed Projects

Survey on Education: IMI, in partnership with IABT and state chapters conducted a research study on the efficacy of digital classes in the face of COVID-19. The IMI-IABT report titled ‘A Rapid Assessment Study on the Outreach, Satisfaction and Efficacy of Digital Classes during COVID-19 closure of Higher Education in the IHR’ was released on 30th September 2020.

Ongoing Projects

MAP based livelihood empowerment project: IMI has acquired funding from the North East Council (NEC), to undertake a project for the promotion of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAP) based livelihood opportunities in the North-Eastern Region to augment rural income and promote resilient livelihood opportunities through the establishment of an entrepreneurial ecosystem. The project has been initiated in 6 districts across three NE states of Manipur, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh. IMI has partnered with IIMCIP, National Medicinal Plants Board, MIMDI, NERCORMP and other local NGOs and entrepreneurs for this project.

Energy Entrepreneurship Project: IMI signed an MoU with SELCO Foundation and work is underway to identify Clean Energy Champions from Manipur, Meghalaya and the hill states of Assam. IMI is also connecting with local stakeholders for supporting clean energy initiatives.

IV. IMI Activities (2020-2021)

Peer Educators Projects: As a part of the partnership between THC and the European Outdoor Conservation Association (EOCA) and WWF, youth have been trained as Peer Educators through workshops to take the interventions of the THC beyond the cleanup campaigns. As such, four projects have been finalised through Peer Educators network. The project proposals include one from Darjeeling which is looking at pilots on spreading general awareness in segregation and composting, Assam which is looking at zero waste tourism promotion for Tumjang, Ladakh which is looking at the promotion of cloth bags to reduce plastic bags, and piloting bio sand filter in hotels.

Further, **5 sessions** have been held for **the Zero Waste Peer Educators** across themes such as zero waste principles (7th July 2020), individual actions (11th July 2020), policies & community case studies (18th July 2020), case studies with external speakers and action points for peer educators (25th July 2020), and communicating ideas/use of social media spaces (1st August 2020).

IMI – IISc: An MoU was signed between IMI and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to work towards enhancing science awareness, integrate scientific and social research, policy engagement and advocacy in the Indian mountain states with a focus on societal well-being by realisation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The objectives under the partnership will be achieved through engaging and collaborating with varied stakeholders for undertaking research, policy engagement through workshops, seminars on issues of critical importance to the mountain states.

Bamboo Concept Note and Project Proposal: IMI prepared a concept note post discussions with IMI members for development of a sustainable bamboo ecosystem in the IHR and submitted the same to the North Eastern Council (NEC). IMI is currently exploring potential partnerships with NMHS and NEC to take this project forward.

AgriTech Entrepreneurship: IMI prepared a concept note and submitted to FAO and NASSCOM to identify agro-technologies relevant for the IHR region. Partnership discussions are at a nascent stage.

Skill mapping and livelihood creation for COVID-19 returnees: IMI prepared a proposal on skill mapping of returnees and submitted the same to IHR state governments for their action.

Promotion of NER: Prepared a Concept Note post discussions and deliberations with IMI members. IMI is currently exploring partnerships with NEC and NMHS to take the initiative forward.

Sustainable Mountain Development Summit – IX

The Sustainable Mountain Development Summit – IX was virtually held and hosted by the Sustainable Development Forum of Uttarakhand (SDFU), IMI's State Chapter and Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology (UCOST), an institutional member of IMI. It was attended by over 1000+ people. Shri. Trivendra Singh Rawat, Former Chief Minister of Uttarakhand graced the event as the Chief Guest, while Shri. Conrad K. Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya was the Guest of Honour.

SMDS-IX sought to be a meaningful platform to discuss some of the emerging pathways for building a resilient post COVID-19 economy in the IHR through the combined approaches of adaptation, innovation and acceleration. Sessions were broken down into Migration and Local Economies, Water Security and Climate Resilient Future for the IHR, Innovative Solutions for the Farm Sector, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Resilient Future for the IHR, Digital Opportunities and Green Future, and Institutional Strengthening, Forging Partnerships and Funding Opportunities. The deliberations during the Summit delved into the corresponding Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for mountain development.

Main discussion points from SMDS IX Sessions include:

- There must be a focus on a green and digital future for the IHR. Digital infrastructure is essential to leapfrog physical infrastructure challenges and bridge scale and quality divides. Digital infrastructure is essential to agility.
- Education for skilling and entrepreneurship need to be reimagined. There must be skilling for IHR specific employment opportunities. Educational institutions and degree colleges must be reimagined as entrepreneurship hubs. A focus on skill-led initiatives green job creation, content-led – music/technology/tourism/studio/artists is needed
- Circular economies and green markets are required. Local markets and demand need to be created. It is important to advocate for and promote border trade centers/hubs across the IHR and lobby for market access for Himalayan products
- Data is limited. This applies to all sectors, and in every IHR state, UT and district. Data sharing is needed.
- Partnerships and collaborations need to be institutional, community level and beyond borders. National institutions should be linked in the states and community.
- Measures must be taken to build a resilient IHR. DRR needs to be mainstreamed into development pathways. Ecosystems services of the IHR need to be acknowledged and quantified and compensated. Institutional knowledge capacities for water conservation are to be further strengthened, and pilot initiatives to be undertaken. SDGs need to be contextualised and localised for the IHR context.

Specific recommendations for post SMDS-IX action /follow-up were:

- An Indian Himalayan Youth network/alliance on SDGs- to take forward the declaration and provide a common platform for continuous engagement
- Indian Himalayan university as a knowledge partner to the stakeholders, including the government with campuses in all IHR states, focussing on IHR issues and concerns
- Indian Himalayan consortium on water security/springs, and cross-learning across IHR on success stories, technologies and innovation
- Data center/dashboard on IHR – across themes and sectors
- Realtime data collection and sharing for DRR, a collaborative effort at community, GOs and academia
- Advocate for green bonus, compensation for ecosystem services (ESS) – need for mapping and modelling to go beyond forest cover and include water, biodiversity etc.
- ‘Goodwill bonus’: attracting the best talent to contribute towards sustainable development in the IHR

3rd Himalayan Youth Summit (8th and 9th December 2020)

The 3rd Indian Himalayan Youth Summit brought together agri-entrepreneurs, innovators, achievers, researchers, climate warriors and youth leaders from across the mountain states

of India for an interactive session and shared their experiences and ideas for building a resilient future. About 120 state delegates from across the 9 mountain States, 2 Union Territories and hill districts of Assam and West Bengal participated.

The youth deliberated among themselves on 5 chosen themes and adopted a Youth Declaration. Shri Amitabh Kant, the CEO of NITI Aayog, was the Chief Guest reiterated the support of the government to the youth of the Himalaya. Shri Kant further spoke about the importance of sustainable development in the Indian Himalaya due to its fragility emphasising that there is an urgent need to build back better and greener. Shri Sanjeev Sanyal, the Principal Economic Advisor, Government of India, attended the Valedictory plenary of the 3rd IHYS where he argued that the digital way is the way forward in the mountains.

The objective of this pre-summit was to build on the previous youth engagements of IMI in the past few years, create a Mountain Youth Network for Sustainable Economy and Ecology (MYNSEE) and take the lead in awareness on SDGs amongst the youth. This proposed network is to be a youth leaders collective that will conduct peer mentoring, advocacy of climate action and entrepreneurship amongst local communities, schools, colleges and universities, and act as a catalyst for youth development and action.

Dr. R.S. Tolia Award and Lecture 2020

In order to commemorate the memory of Dr. Raghunandan Singh Tolia to carry forward the cause of integrated mountain development, and in deep gratitude to its founding President, IMI instituted the Dr. R.S. Tolia Award in 2017 to recognise the efforts of individuals and organisations that have made an impact in integrating and addressing issues of mountain communities. The award for 2020 was presented to Dr. Ajay Rawat during the Summit. SMDS IX also featured a Lecture in the memory of Dr. Tolia which was delivered by Dr. G.S. Rawat, Former Director, Wildlife Institute of India.

Mountain Legislators' Meet – 13th December 2020

The Mountain Legislators' Meet 2020 was successfully conducted virtually amidst the COVID 19 pandemic. The MLM meet 2020 focussed on issues such as Health and vaccine issues, and Green recovery in the Tourism sector. It was attended by around 30 legislators from across the IHR. Findings from the research and academic deliberations held during SMDS-IX were presented to devise a road map for the Sustainable Development of the Himalayan States. The context for MLM 2020 was set by Shri. P.D. Rai, President, IMI, and address was delivered by Shri Vincent Pala, Chair of MLM 2020. The sessions on Health and Vaccine issues, and Green Recovery in the Tourism sector had Prof. K. Srinath Reddy, President, Public Health Foundation of India (PFHI) and Shri. Hari Nair, Founder, Holiday IQ as the resource persons respectively.

The discussions focussed on areas such as the need for research into traditional food and indigenous medicines to locally manage pandemic and boost tourism, inclusive growth for tackling the challenge of mental health and depression amongst youth, a need for synergy amongst different sectors to frame all-encompassing policies, need for the mountain states to collectively work towards a roadmap for tourism recovery in the IHR, need to tackle infrastructure & connectivity issues and explore online tourism, need to tap into NRIs and foreign tourists. It was also agreed amongst the legislators that there should be special economic packages for mountain tourism based on natural resources and rural tourism.

Meet of the Mountain States (MoMS VIII) -

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16 MAY 2020 **4:00 - 5:30 PM**

MEET OF THE MOUNTAIN STATES-VIII

BUILDING AN ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM IN THE INDIAN HIMALAYAN REGION
CRITICAL AREAS FOR ENGAGEMENT

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- Building a Sustainable Enterprise
- Setting Incubation Centres for growth
- Fundraising and Financial Planning
- Accessing Markets and Branding
- Building Capabilities

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MODERATOR
Mr. P.D. Rai
Former MP (Sikkim) & IMI Councillor

PANELISTS

- Mr. Vijay Mahajan
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- Mr. Srikant Sastri
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IIM Calcutta Innovation Park
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Executive Director
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IIT Mandi Catalyst
- Mr. Ved Arya
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In conversation with
Mr. Sushil Ramola
President IMI

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Building an entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Indian Himalayan Region: Critical Areas for Engagement

Owing to the pandemic, MoMS VIII was conducted virtually on a webinar mode. Building up on the key takeaways of SMDS VIII, the discussion during MoMS VIII focussed on “Building an entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Indian Himalayan Region.” The aim of the discussion was on building partnerships in critical areas where engagement is key to building an entrepreneurial ecosystem in the mountain regions. The key discussion points that came up during MoMS VIII included the following:

- Incubators in the IHR must focus on livelihood creation as opposed to revenue. Local angel networks can be explored to not only finance new

ventures but provide mentoring and handholding support.

- Enormous need to enhance the capacity of local entrepreneurs and models such as the Naropa fellowship may be extended to other parts of the IHR
- Need to focus on digital enterprises and digital jobs especially for COVID19 returnees. Potential partner institutions that can support entrepreneurs are technology and marketing experts, IIT's/IIM's, private incubators, banks, NGOs and government.
- IMI could work on building a repository and a partnership matching portal which could be made accessible to the public.

Webinar on The Future of Livelihoods in the Mountain States of India – 1 May 2020:

Join India's thought leaders in understanding

THE FUTURE OF LIVELIHOODS IN THE MOUNTAIN STATES OF INDIA

In the post-Covid19 era in the context of economic and environmental challenges

1 MAY **4:00-5:30 PM**

MODERATOR

Mr. P.D. Rai
Former MP, Sikkim

PANELISTS

Dr. Navroz K. Dubash
Professor, Centre for Policy Research

Dr. J. Srinivasan
Professor, IISc Bangalore

Mr. Vijay Mahajan
Director, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies

Ms. Binita Shah
Social Entrepreneur & Agri-development Professional

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Addressing issues of lives and livelihoods in rural mountain areas.
- Strategies to re-build more resilient mountain communities in the post-Covid19 era within the context of climate change.

In conversation with

Mr. Sushil Ramola
President, IMI

Mr. Amba Jamir
Developmental Consulting Expert & Member, IMI

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A panel comprised of Dr. Navroz K. Dubash, Professor, Centre for Policy Research, Dr. J. Srinivasan, Professor, IISc, Mr. Vijay Mahajan, Director, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies, Ms. Binita Shah, Social Entrepreneur & Agri-development Professional discussed the strategies to re-build more resilient mountain communities, especially in the rural areas, in the post-COVID19 era within the context of Climate Change. The webinar was moderated by Mr. P.D. Rai, President, IMI alongside Mr. Sushil Ramola, Councillor, IMI and Mr. Amba Jamir, VP, IMI.

Some of the key highlights of the discussion were:

- The need for IHR states to focus on greening activities that can be performed locally – such as treatment of water sheds, water and forest conservation, renewable energy etc. that would support in mitigating some of the adverse effects of climate change and also generate short term employment. Government interventions or support such as the 15th FC which provides additional devolution to IHR states for providing ecological services or the MGNERGA may also be channelled into such activities
- Need for digital literacy and new technologies that would enable the IHR population to take advantage of remote working, digital jobs to tackle reverse migration
- The need to understand the dynamics amongst climate change, emergence & escalation of diseases and occurrences of untoward disasters
- The need to capitalise on organic farming and crops such as mountain millets (as in the case of Uttarakhand) which are not only climate smart crops but also have higher rates with the MSP introduced. There is also a shift in consumer preferences for organic produce with the emergence of COVID19 which gives IHR states an edge

Webinar on the future of Tourism & Hospitality Industry post COVID19 – 12 May 2020:

THE FUTURE OF TOURISM & HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY POST COVID-19

OUR PANELISTS

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- ★ The worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 has brought the world to a standstill, and tourism has been the worst affected of all major economic sectors.
- ★ Against this backdrop of heightened uncertainty this webinar is conducted to surge a path forward for those involved in the Tourism, Travel & Hospitality Industry.

TUESDAY
12 May, 2020. 4:00 - 5:30 PM

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A panel comprised of Mr. P.D.Rai, President, IMI, Hari Nair, Entrepreneur, Vikram Gupta, Founder, Ivy Cap Ventures, Gyatso Lepcha, Entrepreneur, Roshan Raj Shreshtha, President, SHRA, Yangchen Tongden, General Secretary, TAAS, Ravi M Pradhan, Proprietor, Rhemock House and Karma Bhutia, Entrepreneur, discussed the future of tourism & hospitality industry post COVID-19, with a focus on formulating a path forward for those involved in the industry.

Webinar on Building a Sustainable Ecosystem for Bamboo Economy in the IHR - 29 May 2020:

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE ECOSYSTEM FOR BAMBOO ECONOMY IN THE INDIAN HIMALAYAN REGION

MODERATOR
Dr. Lalbiakmawla Ngente, Vice President, IMI

PANELISTS

- Mr. Durai Jairaman, Director, Global Programme, INBAR
- Mr. STS Lepcha, Former PCCF, Government of Uttarakhand
- Mr. Kamesh Salam, Founder & ED, South Asia Bamboo Foundation, Guwahati
- Mr. Dina Chhangte, Bamboo Entrepreneur, Mizoram
- Ms. Richa Ghansiyal, Alaya Studio, Dehradun

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Policy Issues: Identifying key policy bottlenecks in bamboo sector and recommendations
- Way forward to build a dynamic and sustainable bamboo economy in the IHR

In conversation with
Ms. Fantry Mein Jaswal, Secretary, IMI

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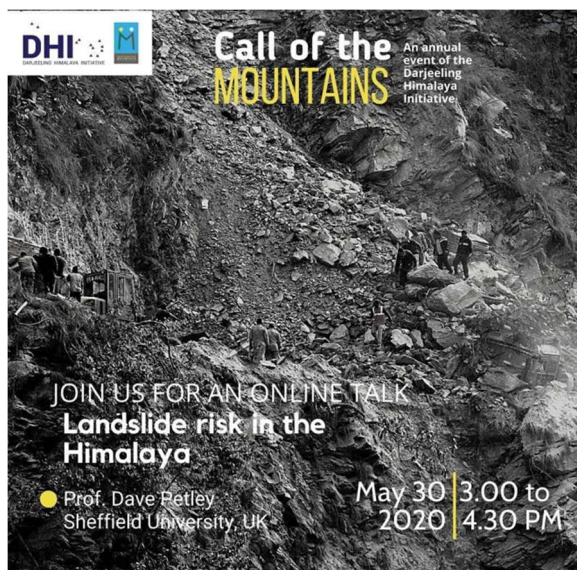
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building a dynamic and sustainable bamboo economy in the IHR.

Webinar on Landslide risk in the Himalaya – 30 May 2020:



The annual event ‘Call of the Mountains’ was organised by IMI’s West Bengal State Chapter, DHI, through a webinar mode with Professor Dave Petley, Sheffield University, UK and Mr. Praful Rao, President, DHI as the resource persons and moderated by Mr. Roshan Rai, Councillor, IMI. The key points that emerged out of the discussion were the need for awareness at the community level in the IHR region relating to the risks that are involved in construction, the need to have and adhere to proper standards, and the need to strengthen and leverage the technologies that are now

available such as better warning systems and rain forecasts etc. With a better and much wider range of information regarding the risks of landslides and earthquakes available, there is an urgent need to institutionalise best practices which provides opportunities for organisations like DHI or the IMI to take forward.

Webinar on Economic Revival of the Mountain States Post Covid19 – 12 June 2020:



A webinar on economic revival of the Mountain States post Covid19 was organised with Shri. Sanjeev Sanyal, Principal Economic Advisor, Government of India as the speaker and Mr. Karma Bhutia, entrepreneur. Mr. Sanyal expounded on the Government responses to the COVID19 pandemic and Atmanirbhar Bharat which is about providing flexibility to the states. On reviving the economy of mountain states post COVID19, Mr. Sanyal cautioned that the IHR must focus on issues such as earthquakes and climate change which cannot be done away with vaccination. As

the pandemic has revealed, economic diversity is critical to build resilience. He further advised that states must devise strategies to manage local cultures, retain local human capital and

attract high quality human capital. He further highlighted the urgent need to build state capacities for which reviving and investing in education systems were important.

V. Meetings and Strategic Discussions

7th Annual General Body Meeting

The 7th annual General Meeting was virtually conducted on 29th December 2020, delayed due to the COVID19 pandemic. Welcome address was delivered by Mr. P.D. Rai, President, IMI. The minutes of the 6th AGM was presented by Secretary, IMI and accepted by the members. The Secretary further informed the AGM members that the proposed amendments made to Clause 7 of the MoA and Clause 11 (a) of the MoA during the 6th AGM were submitted to the Registrar of Societies.

Update on IMI activities (2019-20) by IMI Secretariat. It was decided that recommendation document from SMDS IX needs to be incorporated into the Strategic Plan. Presentation on Financial Statements of 2019-20 by Treasurer, IMI. The General Body approved the finalisation of implementation period of IMI's Strategic Plan from April 2021 – March 2024 as proposed by President IMI, and approved the renewal of contract auditors M/S DMA & Associates. It was also proposed that an amendment be proposed in IMI's MoA to reduce the required quorum for AGM from 51% to 33%, and since in the 7th AGM, the attendance at any given point was 21 at the maximum, approval would be need to be taken from members not in attendance. The general body decided that the required amendments would be introduced in the GC and taken forward.

Further, the 7th AGM touched upon the following points:

- Need for participation from members in virtual meetings as this trend is likely to continue. Maintaining quorum in AGMs pre-pandemic was never an issue as they were usually conducted alongside SMDS
- IMI requires to bring in more members who are actively involved and invested with IMI
- As per amended MoA, the process of membership review is due to begin in 2021
- Need for an approach to inspire people to work voluntarily for IMI

Governing Council Meetings

The **24th Governing Council** was conducted on 14th August 2020 through virtual mode. All GC members were present with the exception of Ramesh Negi, Dr. Lalbiakmawia Ngente and P.D. Rai who were absent with leave from the Chair. The meeting deliberated on post SMDS-VIII activities such as preparation of proposals for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAP), partnership with SELCO for energy entrepreneurship, eco-tourism with GIZ in Meghalaya

, updates on SMDS IX preparation, need for enhancing IMI's presence on social media, status of Ladakh State Chapter, GC elections and IMI's proposed outreach programme for States. Several significant points emerged from the meeting such as the need for the GC to look into new funding opportunities such as CSR, sub-committee on fund raising to be reconvened, need to focus on developing brand value of IMI, engaging professionals for handling IMI's social media. As part of the state outreach plan, each GC member has also been assigned state chapters for which they are to conduct virtual meetings.

The **25th Governing Council** was virtually conducted on 1st October 2020. All GC members were present with the exception of Ramesh Negi who was absent with leave from Chair. The highlight of the 25th GC was the handing over of charge by the outgoing President, Mr. Sushil Ramola to the new team with Mr. P D Rai as President, Ms. Priyadarshinee Shrestha as Secretary, and Ms. Binita Shah as the treasurer. The 25th GC unanimously accepted revisions of the bank mandate, secretariat functioning with the institution of the new team, decision for Delhi office closure, and DHI's proposal to host SMDS X in Darjeeling – Kalimpong area. Further, updates on post SMDS VIII activities were provided by the IMI Secretariat and other items such as the updates on SMDS – IX were also discussed.

The **26th Governing Council** was virtually conducted on 28th December 2020. All GC members were in attendance with the exception of Mr. Egam Basar and Mr. Roshan Rai who were absent with leave from the Chair. The 26th GC meeting accepted the Agenda of the 7th Annual General Body Meeting. The Chair informed the GC members that IMI's strategic plan from April 2021 to March 2024 would be finalised by March 2021, and implemented from April 2021 onwards. He also informed that the process for the closure of the Delhi office was under way. With regards to the item on the core funding of IMI, it was decided that a concept note on core funding would be prepared and shared with the GC members. Further, the IMI Secretariat briefed the GC members on the report of the SMDS IX and Ms. Binita Shah, Treasurer, IMI presented the audited balance sheet of 2019- 2020.

The **27th Governing Council** was virtually conducted on 20th March 2021. All GC members were in attendance with the exception of Ms. Binita Shah, Dr. Rajendra Dhobal and Mr. Egam Basar, who were absent with leave from Chair. The IMI Secretariat provided a brief update on the ongoing IMI activities and projects in the pipeline such as Bamboo development in the IHR, E-mobility project, and Himalaya Calling. The 27th GC decided that a framework needs to be prepared to review each project keeping in mind IMI's vision, mission, strategic plan and institutional capabilities with the support of Councillor, Mr. Amba Jamir. The Secretary presented the IMI Strategic Plan and it was decided that post incorporation of all comments from GC members, the document must be shared with all members and state chapter representatives. The 27th GC also agreed to the Chair's proposal to include Mr. Rigzin Spalbar as the 12th GC member. IMI Secretariat briefed that the Meet of the Mountain States IX would

be held on 27th March 2021. President, IMI presented the concept of the Council of Elders to the GC members.

Annexure 1 : Audit Report (2020-21)

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Balance Sheet as at 31-03-2021

Particulars	Schedule	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
I. Sources of Funds			
1 Capital Funds			
(a) Corpus Fund	1	6,535,853.27	6,535,853.27
(b) Life Time Membership Fund	2	450,000.00	450,000.00
(c) Dr. R S Tolia Memorial Award Fund	3	1,143,776.00	1,243,776.00
(d) Fixed Asset Capital Fund		77,442.65	90,700.92
(e) Balance in Income & Expenditure Account	4	(5,828,749.52)	(5,729,018.89)
2 Current liabilities			
(a) Statutory Dues	5	50,480.79	176,036.25
(b) Expenses Payable	6	394,447.47	378,264.96
(c) Sundry Creditors	7	1,224,441.26	1,363,118.62
(d) Unutilised Grant	8	8,132,256.70	4,246,536.74
Total		12,179,948.62	8,755,267.87
II. Application of Funds			
Fixed Assets		77,442.65	90,700.92
1 Current assets			
(a) Cash and cash equivalents	9	6,810,483.88	3,850,481.80
(b) Loan & Advances	10	1,868,432.64	1,432,341.19
(c) Advances recoverable in Cash or kind	11	123,589.45	81,743.96
(d) Investments	12	3,300,000.00	3,300,000.00
Total		12,179,948.62	8,755,267.87

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UDIN:

CA Deepak Kumar Ghanshani
Partner
M.No. 078742
Place : Dehradun
Dated : 29.12.2021



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Schedules forming part of Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2021

Schedule # 1: Corpus Fund

Particulars	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Opening Balance	6,535,853.27	6,536,525.27
Add: Additions during the year	-	-
Less: Appropriations during the year	-	672.00
Closing Balance	6,535,853.27	6,535,853.27

Schedule # 2: Life Time Membership Fund

Particulars	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Opening Balance	450,000.00	440,000.00
Add: Additions during the year	-	10,000.00
Less: Appropriations during the year	-	-
Closing Balance	450,000.00	450,000.00

Schedule # 3: Dr. R S Tolia Memorial Award Fund

Particulars	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Opening Balance	1,243,776.00	1,391,950.00
Add: Additions during the year	-	-
Less: Appropriations during the year	100,000.00	148,174.00
Closing Balance	1,143,776.00	1,243,776.00

Schedule # 4: Balance in Income & Expenditure Account

Particulars	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Opening Balance	(5,729,018.89)	(3,596,772.88)
Add: Transfer From Income & Expenditure account	(99,730.63)	(2,132,246.01)
Closing Balance	(5,828,749.52)	(5,729,018.89)

Schedule # 5: Statutory Liabilities

Particulars	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
TDS Payable	50,480.79	84,563.78
GST Payable	-	91,472.47
Total	50,480.79	176,036.25



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Schedule # 6: Expenses Payable

Particulars	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Audit Fee Payable	33,150.00	32,400.00
Consultancy Fees Payable - Golam Naulak	83,250.00	-
Consultancy Fees Payable - Amreeta P Das	41,625.00	-
Consultancy Fees Payable - Nupur Sarkar	13,875.00	-
Consultancy Fees Payable - Prerana Baisnab	58,275.00	-
Expenses Payable - DIMA & Associates	32,411.64	-
Expenses Payable - Fantry Mem Jaswal	94,853.06	94,853.06
Expenses Payable - Jennifer	0.07	28,547.97
Expenses Payable - Jitu	7,700.00	7,700.00
Expenses Payable - Shanti	3,000.00	3,000.00
Expenses Payable - Prerana Baisnab	-	1,927.23
Suspense Entries Pending Reconciliation	26,307.70	173,836.70
Rent Payable - Tulsa Buildwell	-	36,000.00
Total	394,447.47	378,264.96

Schedule # 7: Sundry Creditors

Particulars	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Bhagtoram	5,000.00	5,000.00
CIBART	-	25,000.00
Dr. A. S Wani	22,500.00	22,500.00
Dr. Lalnuntlunga-Creditor	(1,930.00)	53,599.00
Dr. Tej Pratap	175,000.00	175,000.00
GNA Management Services Private Limited	-	30,040.00
H M Shangpiang	7,499.60	7,499.60
MLCU	75,541.00	75,541.00
Naropa	10,000.00	10,000.00
Need Book	5,000.00	5,000.00
PD Rai	24,228.00	24,228.00
Pine Wood Hotel	97,361.00	97,361.00
Priyanshu	1.06	17,420.42
Professional Group	23,690.00	23,690.00
R.P Gurung-Creditor	-	10,689.00
Ravinder	200.00	200.00
Saifi Print	28,425.40	28,425.40
Sanjiv Kokota	135,000.00	135,000.00
Shekhar - FAO National Consultant Agri	81,000.00	81,000.00
The Energy & Research Institute	291,600.00	291,600.00
Thiemnei Tiss	67,500.00	67,500.00
Ushma Goswami	903.20	903.20
Vimal Enterprises	160,685.00	160,685.00
Vincent	10,237.00	10,237.00
Parfile	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total	1,224,441.26	1,363,118.62

Schedule # 9: Cash & Cash Equivalents

Particulars	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Cash in Hand	-	-
Balances with Banks: ICICI Bank, New Delhi	6,677,600.60	3,602,118.02
Balances with Banks: BOB Bank, New Delhi	132,883.28	100,834.78
Balances with Banks: BOB Bank, New Delhi	-	147,529.00
Total	6,810,483.88	3,850,481.80



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Schedules forming part of Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2021

Schedule # 8: Unutilised Grant

Particular	Amount (Rs.)							Total
	FAO-project	NMHS	SMDS-Project	MAP Project	Yurishra	Himalayan Cleanup	World Wide Fund	15th Finance Commission
Opening Balance as on 01.04.2020	64,899.94	130,665.09	1,195,879.67	-	383,310.14	1,019,910.90	-	1,451,871.00
Add: Additions during the year	-	-	700,000.00	4,850,000.00	-	-	1,000,000.00	-
Less: Grant Utilised	-	-	1,360,044.04	-	-	46,236.00	-	1,258,000.00
Unutilised Grant as on 31.03.2021	64,899.94	130,665.09	535,835.63	4,850,000.00	383,310.14	973,674.90	1,000,000.00	193,871.00
								8,132,256.70



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Schedule of Fixed Assets as on 31st March 2021

Name of Asset	Date of Purchase	Depreciation Rate	Purchase Amount	Carrying Value as on 31-03-2021	Current Year Depreciation (2020-21) charged	Carrying Value as on 31-03-2021
Office Equipments						
Air Conditioner - i	27-Jun-18	15.00%	55,229.00	39,902.95	5,985.44	33,917.51
Office Chairs	29-Jun-18	15.00%	24,190.00	17,477.27	2,621.59	14,855.68
Office Chairs	18-Jun-18	15.00%	9,636.65	6,962.48	1,044.37	5,918.11
Ceiling Fans	17-Oct-18	15.00%	3,400.00	2,456.50	368.48	2,088.02
Office Round Table	18-Oct-18	15.00%	11,210.00	8,099.22	1,214.88	6,884.34
Oil Heater	2-Jan-19	15.00%	12,000.00	8,670.00	1,300.50	7,369.50
Table 24 * 24	30-Jun-19	15.00%	2,950.00	2,507.50	376.13	2,131.37
Furniture	29-Feb-20	15.00%	5,000.00	4,625.00	346.88	4,278.12
Grand Totals			123,615.65	90,700.92	13,258.27	77,442.65

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Schedule # 10: Loan & Advances

Particulars	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Advance for NMHS - DISA Tripura	28,552.00	28,552.00
Advance for NMHS - ECOSS	224.00	224.00
Advance for NMHS - SDFA	70,000.00	70,000.00
Advance for NMHS - SDFN	(6,360.00)	(6,360.00)
DMA & Associates		1,352.19
Dr. Shubhashish Das Gupta	11,325.00	11,325.00
ECOSS Advance for Cryosphere	4,243.00	4,243.00
GIZ	449,045.00	41,300.00
SELCO	700.00	41,300.00
Input GST	70,903.53	605.00
MIMDI	122,779.00	122,779.00
Mithun TM	0.11	-
Penglam	10,800.00	10,800.00
Save the Hill	122,000.00	122,000.00
Security with Landlord - Tulsa Buildwell	100,000.00	100,000.00
Shoolini University	884,221.00	884,221.00
Total	1,868,432.64	1,432,341.19

Schedule # 11: Advances Recoverable in Cash or in Kind

Particulars	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Imprest Balance - Amreeta P Dass	-	946.00
Imprest Balance - Golan Naulak	57,265.92	47,265.92
Imprest Balance - Vikram Jha	198.53	13,532.04
TDS Recoverable	66,125.00	20,000.00
Total	123,589.45	81,743.96

Schedule # 12: Investments

Particulars	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
MF_ICICI_PRU_MIP	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
MF_HDFC_MIP_Corpus Fund	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00
Total	3,300,000.00	3,300,000.00



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Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2021

Particulars	Schedule	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Incomes:			
I. Grants & Donations		2,664,280.04	10,023,409.10
II. Consultancies		643,552.00	-
III. Other income (Bank Interest & Income from Investments)		87,168.00	427,528.19
Total Incomes (I + II)		3,395,000.04	10,450,937.29
Expenses:			
IV. Direct Project Expenses		2,664,280.04	10,023,409.10
V. Administrative & General Expenses		830,450.63	2,424,145.20
VI. Expenses incurred on closed projects		-	127,679.00
VII. Transfer to Fixed Asset Capital Fund		-	7,950.00
Total Expenses (III + IV)		3,494,730.67	12,583,183.30
Excess of Expenditure over Income		99,730.63	2,132,246.01

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**Schedules forming part of Income & Expenditure Account
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Schedule # 13: Administrative Expenses

Particulars	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Accounting Charges	82,600.00	141,600.00
Amount Written off	-	(8,238.70)
Audit Fee	35,400.00	47,200.00
Bank Charges	88.50	5.60
Electricity Expenses	6,127.00	94,278.36
IMI GC Meeting Expenses	-	29,700.00
Interest on TDS	2,262.00	5,812.00
Legal & Professional Fee	238,150.66	826,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	17,349.00	8,920.00
Office Expenses	8,368.00	105,454.03
Office Rent	155,400.00	480,000.00
Postage & Courier	7,651.00	2,792.00
Printing & Stationery	57,025.00	204,899.00
Prior Period Adjustments	-	343,028.98
Tax Audit Fee	11,800.00	11,800.00
Telephone & Internet	66,301.86	17,983.92
Travel Boarding & Lodging	55,544.00	31,123.31
Website & Softwares	53,583.61	10,486.70
Wages	32,800.00	71,300.00
Total Administrative Expenses	830,450.63	2,424,145.20

Schedule # 14: Expenses incurred on Closed Projects

Particulars	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
FAO Project	-	119,539.00
UNDP Project	-	8,140.00
Total	-	127,679.00




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Project Name :Sustainable Mountain Development Summit (SMDS)
Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2021

Expenditure	Amount (Rs.)	Income	Amount (Rs.)
Utilisation For :-		Grant in Aid :-	
SMDS Project Expenses		Opening Balance of Grant	1,195,879.67
Travelling expenses	82,995.27	Additions during the year	700,000.00
Photography Contest	86,706.94	Bank Interest	-
Printing & Stationery	88,626.00		
Software Expenses	1,715.57		
Professional and Consultancies	1,100,000.26		
Unspent Balance of Grant in Aid Transferred to Balancesheet	535,835.63		
Total	1,895,879.67	Total	1,895,879.67

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Project Name : 15th Finance Commission Project
Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2021

Expenditure	Amount (Rs.)	Income	Amount (Rs.)
Utilisation For :-		Grant in Aid :-	
Remuneration Consultants		Opening Balance of Grant	1,451,871.00
Prerana Baisnab	763,000.00	Additions during the year	
Amreeta P Das	495,000.00	Bank Interest	
			1,451,871.00
Unspent Balance of Grant in Aid Transferred to Balancesheet	193,871.00		
Total	1,451,871.00	Total	1,451,871.00

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Project Name : Himalayan Cleanup Project
Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2021

Expenditure	Amount (Rs.)	Income	Amount (Rs.)
Utilisation For :-		Grant in Aid :-	
Remuneration Consultants		Opening Balance of Grant	1,019,910.90
Jennifer	46,236.00	Additions during the year	-
		Bank Interest	-
Unspent Balance of Grant in Aid Transferred to Balancesheet	973,674.90		
Total	1,019,910.90	Total	1,019,910.90

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Project Name : World Wide Fund For Nature			
Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2021			
Utilisation For :-	Expenditure	Income	Amount (Rs.)
Remuneration Consultants Jennifer		Grant In Aid :-	
		Opening Balance of Grant	1,000,000.00
		Additions during the year	
		Bank Interest	
			1,000,000.00
Unspent Balance of Grant in Aid Transferred to Balancesheet			
Total		Total	1,000,000.00

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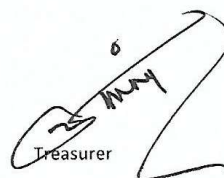
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COMPUTATION OF TOTAL INCOME (A. Y. 2021-22)

Particulars	Amount	Amount
Income		
Income From Grants / Donations:		
Grants / Donations	6,550,000	
Other Incomes	-	6,550,000
Income From Other Sources:		
Interest on Saving Bank a/c	87,168	
Income from Sale of Investments	-	
Income from Exhibitions / Consultancies	643,552	
Interest on Income Tax Refund	-	730,720
Accumulation under section 11(1) - 15% of Gross Receipts	982,500	
Accumulation under section 11(2)	2,703,489	
Withdrawal From Accumulated Balance u/s 11(2)		(3,685,989)
Total		3,594,731
Application		
Project Expenses		
Direct Project Expenses - Running Projects	2,664,280	
Direct Project Expenses - Closed Project	-	
Administrative & General Expenses	830,451	3,494,731
Other Expenses:		
Expenses incurred out of corpus funds	100,000	
Additions to Fixed Assets	-	100,000
Total		3,594,731

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Annexure 2: Governing Council & Staff

Governing Council

Prem Das Rai, President

Prem Das Rai is a founding member and the current President of Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI). He is a former Member of Parliament, two terms – 2009 – 2019, from Sikkim and belongs to the Sikkim Democratic Front Party. He is a former Deputy Chairman of the State Planning Commission, Govt. of Sikkim, and has also chaired the Sikkim Industrial Development and Investment Corporation. He has the distinction of being the first Member of Parliament with the dual and prestigious IIT and IIM degrees from Kanpur and Ahmedabad respectively. He was a member of the Standing Committee on Finance and the Subordinate Legislation Committee of Lok Sabha. He was the Chairman of the Library Committee of the Parliament of India. He is also an Eisenhower Fellow (2000) from India. He was awarded the prestigious and selective Eisenhower Fellowship for his contribution to Sikkim's economic and industrial growth.

Dr Rajendra Dhobal, Vice President

Dr Rajendra Dobhal is the Director General of Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology. He has had the distinct privilege to occupy the positions like Chairman and Managing Director, National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), Govt. of India; Director, Uttarakhand Science Education and Research Centre (USERC); Director, Uttarakhand Space Application Centre (USAC); Senior Scientific Advisor/Project Director, Uttarakhand State Biotechnology Board; Scientist/Tech. Advisor to DG and Science Advisor, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal, in the past. He is also the Chairperson of the Sustainable Development Forum, Uttaranchal.

Amba Jamir, Vice President

A development consulting expert with over two decades of multidisciplinary and multi- team experience from policy formulation to project development, implementation and review, Amba is professionally trained as an environmental lawyer and development communicator. He is a grassroots convenor, trainer and facilitator with experience in the Asia Pacific region in areas of education, rural development, community institutions and resource management, livelihood, policy advocacy and envisioning. Amba works directly with policy makers, NGOs, community leaders, farmers and the poorest of the poor in mountain regions, particularly the Eastern Himalayas. He has extensive experience working in local, national and international NGOs, the government and with advanced regional policy and research think tanks such as the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan. He is a founding member of the Sustainable Development Forum Nagaland (SDFN) and the Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI).

Priyadarshinee Shrestha, Secretary

Priyadarshinee Shrestha, Secretary IMI, has been working on issues of sustainable development, nature conservation, and waste management in Sikkim- Darjeeling Himalaya

for the last twenty years with various organisations. She is a core member of the Zero Waste Himalaya, a platform advocating for sustainable waste policies and practices. Currently, she is the Team Leader of WWF - India's Khangchendzonga Landscape Programme in Sikkim.

Binita Shah, Treasurer

Binita Shah, Treasurer IMI, is an organic/ Biodynamic Farmer and Social –Entrepreneur and Agriculture Development Professional. She is the CEO / Founder of SARG Vikas Samiti. SARG is a national player in Organic Agriculture Development with special focus in Biodynamic Agriculture and development. SARG is working in four states of India with nearly 50,000 farmers and more than 100 farmers organizations. She is an international Consultant with number of Organic Food Export companies namely Nature BioFoods Sonepat , Sunstar Rice Exports, Delhi , Pure Life P Ltd , Dubai/ Mozambique etc. Ms. Binita is the Secretary , Sustainable Development Forum Uttarakhand.

Egam Basar, Joint Secretary

Egam Basar is the Mission Director of Arunachal Pradesh Horticulture Research and Development Mission (APHRDM) and also Member Secretary of Master Plan Development Committee for Agriculture and Allied Sectors in Arunachal Pradesh. Egam also pursues a personal mission of nature conservation known as EB-Project Nature that functions in Arunachal Pradesh.

Dr Vincent Darlong, Councillor

Dr Vincent Darlong has been an eminent contributor to the issues of natural resource management and livelihoods, community based biodiversity conservation and community forestry, environment and social impact assessments, research and development, among others. Apart from his engagement with the communities in the Northeast, he has worked with the Government of India as a member of various task forces, working groups and committees. He was the Country Programme Officer for International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Currently, he is the Vice Chancellor of Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong.

Ramesh Negi, Councillor

Ramesh Negi is an IAS officer of 1984 Batch. In his long and illustrious career as an administrator, he has served in many roles including Chief Secretary, Arunachal Pradesh, Administrator of Daman & Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Jal Board. Currently, he is Chairperson, Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

Dr Lalbiak Mawia Ngente, Councillor

Dr Lalbiak Mawia Ngente is an architect and community leader. He has been the General Secretary of Central Young Mizo Association, Secretary of Mizoram People Forum, President YHAI Mizoram State Branch, and present Chairman of the Mizoram Sustainable Development Foundation. He has previously been associated with the Government of Mizoram.

Roshan P. Rai, Councillor

Roshan P. Rai is a development practitioner with DLR Prerna, Darjeeling-based NGO (www.darjeelingprerna.org). He works on issues of environment and social equity in the

Darjeeling Himalaya. His work with small farmers at present focus on local food cultures, water and climate change. He is part of the core team of Zero Waste Himalaya and has partnered with local urban bodies, communities and educational institutions in promoting sustainable waste management practices. The team has been undertaking peer educators training and campaigns like the Plastic Freedom Challenge in the Darjeeling and Sikkim Himalaya. Roshan bases his experience and community initiatives within the Darjeeling and Sikkim Himalaya and simultaneously engages with the IMI family to place it within the policy landscape.

Nita Kapoor, Honorary Advisor

Nita Kapoor has worked for 30+ years in varying leadership roles in the Corporate Sector. A well-known name in Advertising and Communications, she was the CEO at NewsCorp VCCircle, COO at Godfrey Phillips India Ltd and VP at DDB Mudra Communications Ltd. She is currently engaged as the Founder of Rcube Ventures, a social initiative with the mission of bringing Indian Art to the forefront by designing modern recycled packaging, lifestyle and gift products. Apart from her many milestones in the Corporate world, she is actively involved with women's empowerment through livelihood opportunities. She is an alumnus of IIM A and Harvard Business School and speaks at key leadership forums and business schools across India on management topics, the importance of gender diversity and the role of women in building the economy of our country. Nita Kapoor is the Honorary Advisor for Social Media at IMI. She guides the IMI team on social media strategy for media platforms, content curation, development and execution ensuring IMI brings its news and views to its stakeholders and audience.

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Golan Suanzamung Naulak, Programme Director

Golan Suanzamung Naulak is a development professional and policy researcher with an interest in the interface between politics, policy and development. A graduate from University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) where he was a Chevening Scholar, he has previously worked with Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and earlier taught Political Science at St Joseph's College, Bengaluru. He is also a former student leader and is engaged in several youth-led initiatives on community development in the north-east region. He has written Op-Ed pieces for The Hindu, Deccan Herald, The Wire and DNA amongst others.

Prerananandita Baisnab, Programme Coordinator

Prerananandita Baisnab works as a Programme Coordinator at the Integrated Mountain Initiative. She coordinates with IMI members and Institutions to undertake IMI's flagship programmes such as SMDS, MoMS, THC etc. along with IMI's external projects. Prior to joining IMI, she has worked extensively on the public finance issues of social sector schemes and local governments. She holds a Masters degree in Public Policy and Administration from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a graduate degree in Sociology from Lady Shri Ram College, New Delhi. She has previously worked as a Research Associate with the Accountability Initiative at the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi.

Diepeu Mero, Programme Associate

Diepeu Mero works as a Programme Associate at the Integrated Mountain Initiative. Prior to joining the IMI, she was with the National Skill Development Corporation in New Delhi where she undertook projects related to global workforce mobility, international collaborations and TVET advisory services. She also worked as a Research Fellow at the Governor's Secretariat at Kohima and undertook research in the public school education sector in Nagaland. She holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Manchester, United Kingdom.

Nupur Sarkar, Accounts & Administration Officer

Nupur Sarkar works as an Accounts & Administration Officer at IMI. She is currently working on IMI current projects related to accounts & administration activities. Prior to joining IMI, she has worked with banking & financial institution for four years. She holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Finance and Marketing from Doon Business School, Dehradun and a graduate degree in Accounts & Finance from West Bengal State University. She has previously work as a Senior Manager in ICICI Direct and Assistant Manager in Axis Bank.

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