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1. About Integrated Mountain Initiative

The Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI) is a civil society-led forum working across the Indian Himalayan Region with a vision of “Making India proud of our Mountains”. Integrated Mountain Initiative brings mountain concerns to the centre stage in regional, national, and global agendas through sustained and informed dialogue among all stakeholders and enables action by following up on the deliberations with policymakers, implementers, and communities. It brings together academics, practitioners, governments, local bodies, NGOs, interested citizens, and stakeholders of the Indian Mountain states, to engage in an informed debate on identified themes, advocacy, and collaborations in the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR) network. IMI operates through an ecosystem of state and regional chapters who are aligned with IMI’s vision.

IMI’s mission is to integrate the knowledge and experience of multiple stakeholders working on diverse issues across Indian mountain states independently, this then uses 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 the ground

These chapters are made of individuals and institutions who work in their state and region. IMI mandates extend to the state of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, West Bengal (Darjeeling and Kalimpong Districts only), Assam (Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao Districts only), Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura and the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Our Members

IMI has members from diverse backgrounds, both institutional and individual, who are experts in their respective disciplines that inform the establishment of sustainable development practices in the Indian Himalayas. Usually, Institutional members operate as partners. IMI success story could be measured firstly, in terms of the impact it has had on its individual members, institutions and state chapters and secondly in the form of actions taken through different programmes.



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IMI's Institutional Members

- G.B Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development
- Divecha Centre for Climate Change at Indian Institute of Science
- Sikkim University
- Shoolini University
- Martin Luther Christian University (MLCU)
- ATREE, Sikkim Himalayan Development Area
- Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology (UCOST)
- Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) India
- DLR- Prerna
- Himotkarsh Sahitya Sanskriti Avam Jankalyan
- Deer Park Institute
- Uttarakhand Gram Yan Vikash Samiti
- Uttarakhand Van Vikas Nigam
- Sarg Vikas Samiti

IMI's State Chapters

IMI operates as a federation of state chapters, each community of individual members and institutions aligned to IMI's vision. IMI's strength lies with its strong state chapters and their dedication towards resolving challenges faced by mountain communities. The state chapters are firmly rooted in the respective states and have institutional and individual experience of working with communities, they work in research, advocacy, and expertise on specific mountain issues, accumulated over many years of their members' experiences in mountain development.

Since IMI's inception, the individual state chapters have engaged in organising state-and-district-level seminars, creating state-specific policy briefs, and cascading national mountain policy briefs. Each chapter also attempts to be a reliable source of state-specific information about sustainable development practices in the IHR. Each Chapter is hosted in an institution or organisation located within the state. It is through our state chapters that IMI is translating the dialogues and collaborations into informed action.

State Chapters

- 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)



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- Development Initiative for Sustainable Advancement (DISA), Tripura
- Darjeeling Himalaya Initiative (DHI)
- Meghalaya Integrated Mountain Development Initiative (MIMDI)
- Sustainable Development Forum, Ladakh (SDFL)
- Himachal Pradesh Sustainable Development Forum (HPSDF)

2. IMI Flagship Events:

2.1 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 the determination to follow up on 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
SMDS – X (2021), Darjeeling-Kalimpong, West Bengal	Towards One Health: Making our mountains resilient
SMDS – XI (2022), Leh, Ladakh	Harnessing Tourism for Sustainable Mountain Development

Each of these summits have been characterised 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.

2.2 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 policy making 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.

2.3 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.



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- 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

3.IMI Projects (2023-24)

3.1 Closed Projects

3.1.1 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, 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 & with active collaboration with NERCORMP and technical partner IIMCIP.

- Implementation Sites: Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, and Manipur
- Implemented at ground level by the IMI with active collaboration with NERCORMP and technical partner IIMCIP.
- IMI withdrew from the project due to issues such as a lack of adequate resources for hiring human resources, the necessity of large-scale presence at the field level, and mismatch with IMI strengths.
- Handing over process to NERCORMP is completed.

3.1.2 Promotion of Countermeasures against Marine Plastic Litter in Southeast Asia and India (CounterMEASURE1) with UNEP

The project “Promotion of Countermeasures against Marine Plastic Litter in Southeast Asia and India (CounterMEASURE1),” focused on the identification of sources and pathways of major plastic leakage in India and along the Mekong River and Ganges and fostering local partnerships for tackling the problem. This project resulted in suggested policy recommendations to governments to help stop plastic pollution where it is leaking into waterways. It also generated a Regional Framework for Plastic Leakage Assessment and Monitoring in Rivers in Asia. Following this initiative, Counter MEASURE II, titled Promotion of Action against Marine Plastic Litter in Asia



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and the Pacific, was announced in May 2020. This initiative aims to generate, share, and disseminate scientific knowledge on plastic pollution in the Ganges, Mekong, and selected rivers in Sri Lanka and Myanmar, to inform policy and decision-making processes at the local, national, regional, and global levels.

The project aims at informing and influencing national policies, institutions, and alliances through the generation and dissemination of scientific knowledge on plastic pollution in rivers and the documentation of best practices demonstrated along the Ganga River. UNEP has collaborated with IMI to implement the Counter Measure-II Project in the IHR regions.

The objective of the project are as follows:

- Development of a policy recommendation paper on plastic waste management for mountain states of India by undertaking stakeholder mapping, literature review, and conducting stakeholder consultations at the city and state level.
- Conduct high-level meetings of mountain legislators on the issue of plastic waste and pollution.
- Catalysing behaviour change through mountain focussed outreach activities on minimization of plastic waste and pollution.

Outcomes

- This project resulted in policy briefs on plastic waste management in the IHR as well as one specifically for Uttarakhand
- Detailed study on legal frameworks as well as stakeholder analysis and pathways for plastic waste management in the IHR which was part of suggested policy recommendations to governments to help stop plastic pollution where it is leaking into waterways. It also generated a Regional Framework for Plastic Leakage Assessment and Monitoring in Rivers in Asia.
- The studies were part of SMDS Leh Ladakh Mountain Legislators Meet of October 2022 as well Meet of the Mountain States March 2023

3.1.3 Study on Landscape Restoration Initiatives supported by The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

A study carried out by TNC has shown that “Natural Climate Solutions (NCS)” such as reforestation and agroforestry have the potential of sequestering over 400 MTCO₂e



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per year. TNC with its partners is co-developing the “India Landscape Restoration Accelerator (ILRA)” to leverage various opportunities to deploy NCS at scale. The Accelerator will provide a platform for key stakeholder groups to work together on interventions – such as commercial reforestation, smallholder reforestation (e.g. agro-forestry), ecological restoration and/or natural regeneration – that can drive large-scale landscape restoration and reforestation. One of the major activities of Making India Proud of Our Mountains under the Accelerator is to identify the high-potential levers that can catalyse large-scale transformations to scale landscape restoration in the country – leveraging technology, finance, markets, institutions, and policy – bringing in associated environmental and developmental benefits. In February 2020, TNC and WRI had co-organized a stakeholder consultation during which a few such ‘levers’ were identified. Now, ILRA is engaging with key stakeholders to advance key areas of research to inform the design of future interventions. TNC is looking to synthesize the learning on landscape restoration initiatives in various parts of the country, through sharing of experience by respective organizations. Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI) works across the Mountain states and stakeholders with the objective of sustainable development of the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR) such as to make the People of India proud of our Mountains. IMI will pull together a paper based on the experience and knowledge of its members, state chapters and experts that it works with in relation to landscape restoration in the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR).

The project will include to the extent such details of Landscape restoration initiatives in the IHR:

- a. National and state policies, legislation, and action plans that promote and impinge on forests, biodiversity, and sustainable livelihoods of IHR residents.
- b. Examples of programs/ initiatives that appear to have met their objectives (are effective and coherent) and lessons learned. We will aim to include available details on design, period, funding, milestones, community involvement, capacity building, results, impacts, sustainability (including in the context of climate projections where possible), Monitoring and Evaluation (M& E) systems, and knowledge management systems.



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3.2 Ongoing Projects

3.2.1 Scope of Work: Working Group on Natural Climate Solutions

The Indian Collaborative for Applied Sustainability Solutions (ICASS), an initiative by The Nature Conservancy - India, focuses on bridging the gap between science and policy for sustainable development in India. It is designed to address two critical challenges, (1) the gap between policy making and sustainability science and (2) the lack of co-produced, multi-disciplinary solutions. ICASS initiative aims to address these challenges through the co-production of science-based sustainability solutions and multi-disciplinary engagement. An important step towards this includes setting up a consortium of relevant experts, referred to as the Working Group.

Avoiding catastrophic climate change requires rapid decarbonization of the global economy as well as an improved ecosystem. Natural Climate Solutions (NCS)-using natural processes as a climate mitigation tool-entails the acceleration of pathways such as conservation, restoration, avoided deforestation, or improved land management, and can deliver up to a third of global emission reductions needed by 2030 to keep warming below 2 degree Celsius.

In India, NCS offers opportunities to address the dual challenges of climate change mitigation and land degradation, while also placing benefit sharing at the heart of these climate mitigation tools. Thus, NCS can contribute to addressing conflicts between ecology and development by benefiting both the people and the planet. A wide range of at least 20 NCS pathways are available in India and involve protecting, managing, and restoring forests, grasslands, and agricultural lands. Given this range of options, it is important to identify the pathways that offer the best balance between greenhouse gas mitigation potential, livelihood and biodiversity benefits, and the pace of deployment between now and 2030. Further, it is important to identify regions that are well suited to different pathways and to identify safeguards for their deployment. Such inputs can provide important insights into ongoing governmental and private initiatives in India.

Objectives:

The scope of the project is to develop best practices and guidelines for the implementation of select NCS pathways (restoration of degraded land, reforestation, trees in cropland and avoided deforestation) in the major biodegradable zones of India. Thus, the primary objective of the working group on National Climate Solutions is to support and provide guidance on the research and tools being developed for planning and implementation of NCS pathways in India.

1. Provide technical inputs, feedback and guidance on:



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- The NCS strategy documents for India being supported by TNC
 - The development of a spatial planning tool to support NCS project planning
2. Participation in meetings/ discussions and stakeholder consultations/ workshops, organised by TNC and/or its partners
 3. Support/ guide the finalization of NCS strategy and the spatial tool
 4. Recommend and support the way forward for dissemination and update of the NCS strategy and spatial tool, with relevant policymakers and other stakeholders

4.IMI Activities (2023-24)

4.1 Meet of the Mountain States (MoMS XI)

11th Meet of the Mountain States (MoMS) was organized by Integrated Mountain Initiative with the support of the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Sustainable Development Forum Uttarakhand (SDFU), and Uttarakhand Council of Science & Technology (UCOST) on March 22nd, 2024 coinciding with World Water Day on the theme of "Water Resources in the Himalayas – Disaster Resilience and Reduction". MoMS is an annual event of IMI that brings together policymakers, elected representatives, partners of IMI, and other relevant agencies to jointly work on priority actions related to key mountain issues. The Chief Guest for the inaugural session focusing on Geo Hydrology of the Himalayas and Disasters was Smt. Rita Khanduri, Hon'ble Speaker of Uttarakhand. In his opening address, Mr. Ramesh Negi, President IMI, outlined the objectives of MoMS 2024 to inform policymakers about the need for greater mountain sensitivity of policies on disaster and the allocation of appropriate financial resources to mitigate the collateral and multi-sectoral long-term damage. Mr. Roshan Rai, Secretary IMI set the context for the meet, highlighting how disasters impact people in the mountains, with very little national focus. This year, the meet was supported by the Govt of Arunachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand Council for Science and Technology (UCOST) and Sustainable Development Forum of Uttarakhand (SDFU).

THEMATIC SESSIONS

- Geo – Hydrology of the Himalayas and Disasters Linkage between Himalayan geology, river system disaster and disaster response.
- Management of Water in IHR, Evidence-based DRR and Way Forward.

The keynote address was delivered by Padmashree Dr. Eklabya Sharma who is currently the Strategic Advisor & Distinguished Fellow, ATREE. He highlighted how mountains face the brunt of climate change, and with a 1.5 degree C rise in temperature, Himalayan glaciers would lose 1/3rd of their volume by 2100. Evidence of this was also being witnessed by mountain states, he warned, remembering the recent Himachal and Sikkim and Darjeeling Kalimpong Disasters.

Speaking on solutions, Dr. Sharma recommended the need for high altitude monitoring, early warning systems for disasters, river basin planning with zonal action, and an integrated approach for sustainability.

In her address, Smt. Khanduri, Chief Guest spoke on the urgent need to bridge research with policy and practice, and there was a need to fall back on good traditional practices with strong community engagement. She highlighted that tourism pressures were also having a major impact in the Himalayas, and talked about the issue of



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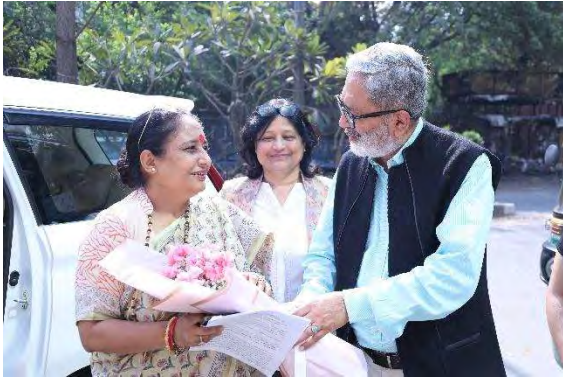
limiting numbers in ecologically fragile areas. Himalayan communities were important stakeholders, and must be included in the policy spaces, she stated. Technical session I on “Linkage between Himalayan geology, river system disaster and disaster response” was chaired by Dr Durgesh Pant, DG - UCOST. In his address, he highlighted the Dehradun Declaration on Disasters coming out of the World Congress on Disasters organised in Dehradun in 2023.

Dr. Ashim Sattar- IIT Bhubaneswar shared his research experience from Sikkim of monitoring the glacial lakes. Dr. Smriti Basnett from Divecha Center for Climate Change, and Mr. Stanzin Chosphe, Exec Councilor from Ladakh Hill Council spoke the various challenges.

The second session that focused on evidence based DRR and way forward was chaired by Mr. Arvind Mehta, Ex Member Secretary - 15th Finance Commission. Panelists in this session highlighted the need to embed disaster risk reduction in planning processes. Mr. Anil Raj Rai, Secretary- Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Sikkim Government, Mr. PK Joshi from JNU and Dr. Nanda Kishore from ICIMOD were part of the session.

Presenting the summary of the meet, Mr. Sushil Ramola spoke on the need for having focused actions through common platforms engaging all stakeholders and investing in capacity building. He emphasised also on acknowledging the socio ecological fragility of the mountains that should reflect in devolution of funds in the 16th FC to mountain states.

In his remarks, Mr. Mehta spoke on the importance of having a river basin approach, with stringent mitigation measures with community participation put in place in all development interventions. Elected representatives of the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR), key policymakers, government department representatives, academia, researchers, funding agencies and IMI members from the mountain states participated in the workshop. A photography exhibition on the recent Teesta Disaster was also put up on the sidelines of the meeting.





The report of the MoMS2024 has been disseminated to all the participants and invitees and also uploaded on the IMI website.

4.2 The Himalayan Cleanup 2023



IMI's annual event conducted in collaboration with Zero Waste Himalaya was organised from May 26 - 30, 2023. 2023 was the fifth year of the Himalayan Cleanup (THC) which was conceived in 2018 on the World Environment Day to highlight the waste crisis in the Indian Himalayan Region and the region-specific challenges of waste management. The same theme is back for WED 2023 showing how grave the crisis is, and makes THC2023 even more relevant. THC

through its waste and brand audit, contributes to the much-needed change in the waste narrative, challenges the notions of a clean, pristine Himalaya and advocates for systemic changes that goes beyond the bin, broom, burning and rolling down the hill. THC data has been key in conversations at Sustainable Mountain Development Summits X, XI, and at Mountain Legislators' Meet in Darjeeling, Ladakh and Meet of the Mountain States 2023.

THC is taken forward with the stewardship and volunteerism of individuals and organisations across the Himalaya. 2018 to 2023, more than 1500 organisations and institutions have been part of the cleanup mobilising over 36000 volunteers to clean up and audit over 850 sites across the Himalaya. THC is organised with the theme of 'Reflect, Switch and Demand', and is a powerful process to motivate participants to move towards mindful and sustainable lifestyles.

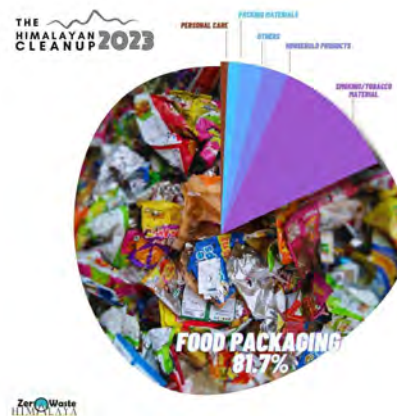
It creates collective spaces for individuals to demand for improved systems and products to redress plastic pollution. THC 2023 was taken forward with online training on uniform global protocols to conduct waste and brand audits as well as to ensure that the cleanups are zero waste. It was recommended to choose key sites that could include sacred, biodiversity, social and tourist importance for THC.

In Sikkim, 'The Himalayan Cleanup 2023' was supported by the Education Department and Rural Development with schools of Sikkim and Gram Panchayats taking part. 350 cleanup sites with over 11000 volunteers across the IHR took forward to the THC2023 and we look forward to the waste and brand audit results that adds to the conversations around Extended Producer Responsibility in the Mountains; single use plastic ban one year anniversary and Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) negotiations to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution.



4.3 Brand Audit 2023

The brand audit report said that the top corporate plastic polluters are Cocacola, Nestlé, Unilever, Pepsico, and Mmondelez_international. The Himalayan Cleanup 2023 report is part of the Global Audit and adds Parle, Choudhary Group (waiwai_Nepal), ITC and Amul to the global corporates polluting our Himalaya.



The Himalayan Cleanup Report 2023 was released on Zero Waste Himalaya Day at Darjeeling on 8 August which was also the kick start of the Plastic Freedom Challenge. The release had the Darjeeling Municipality Chairperson and his team along with civil society and educational institutions representatives. The report was shared with all the participants and key stakeholders and uploaded on the IMI website. The report had great media coverage.



4.4 Mission Himachal



Himachal Pradesh's vision of making Himachal Pradesh a 'Green State' resonates with the mandate set by IMI for sustainable mountain development. IMI is keen to extend its working avenues for immediate and future collaboration with the Government of Himachal Pradesh. A committee was set up to establish a HP chapter, and various discussions were held

with members planning a visit to HP on 2nd week of June 2023 to meet Hon'ble Chief Minister as well as few other potential members of the state. A document has been prepared especially focussing on few thematic areas i.e. climate change challenges, community-based nature tourism as a lever for sustainability and economic development, plastic waste crisis by aligning policies practice for sustainable waste management and revisioning agroecology. The IMI team called on Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on June 12, 2023. Shree Sukhu being a champion of renewable energy sets a fine example by using an electric vehicle as his main transport. Hon'ble Chief Minister gave the team a very patient hearing to the Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI) team. He also expressed his views on the subject of Mission Green Himachal Pradesh by 2026. The overlaps are in the policy areas of the State as well as some of the issues related to climate change. IMI's 15th Finance Commission work has found good resonance. This meeting was an introductory one and IMI had the opportunity to place the organisation's agenda in the correct light. A clear road map for intersection with the State Government has to be prepared by IMI on the request of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.



4.5 IMI meet with National Institute of Urban Affairs, Delhi

IMI team consisting of Mr. PD Rai, Mr. R Negi, Ms. P Shrestha, and Ms. B Shah visited the NIUA office to discuss the areas of work and prospects for future collaboration. Background presentations on both the organisations were made by the representatives. NIUA's initiative of Parvat Manthan and Hill Forum for Sustainable cities was also discussed outlining the possibilities for collaborative work with IMI. As part of the collaboration, a webinar on 'How to Plan Resilient Himalayan Cities' was organised on 21st September 2023, with the objective of bringing contextual and specialised advocacy and communication tools for urban planning for IHR. Dr. Rajan Kotru spoke about ideas about zonation and carrying capacity and the need to look deeper into how data/ knowledge/ information would actually be used for planning and management.



4.6 New Governing Council:

On October 1, 2023 the new Governing Council of IMI took over the reins of the organisation. In a handing over meeting organised on 26th September 2023. Outgoing President IMI, Mr PD Rai briefed everyone on the process of exit of old GC and carrying forward by new GC members. Secretary IMI, Ms. Priyadarshinee Shrestha, thanked all the GC members and the executive members of the IMI for their cooperation. She presented the work of IMI of the past 3 years highlighting the work that needed to be continued. The Presidentship was handed over to Mr. Ramesh Negi, Mr. Roshan Rai took over as the Secretary, while Ms. Binita Shah shall continue as the Treasurer into this new term. Ms. Fantry M Jaswal and Mr. Jigmet Takpa are the new Vice Presidents of IMI. The Council Members are Dr. GS





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Rawat, Mr. Rigzin Spalbar, Mr. RP Gurung, Dr. Rajan Kotru, Ms. Thingreiphi Lungharwo, Dr. John Zothanzama and Dr. MP Sood.

In his speech, Mr. Ramesh Negi expressed his gratitude to the outgoing councillors especially Mr. PD Rai for his leadership and drive to steer IMI during difficult times. He further mentioned that the new council would work to further IMI's agenda and also to bring in the best kind of people from the various sectors.

4.7 Parvat Manthan

PARVAT MANTHAN MOUNTAINS IMI partnered with National Institute of Urban Affairs and BORDA to organise a workshop bringing together Mountain Urban Local Bodies to discuss WASH (water / sanitation / hygiene) in the Indian Himalayan Region. The event was held at the Indian Habitat Centre, New Delhi on December 4 -5, 2023.

Urban Local Bodies from various Indian Himalayan States and regions met as part of Parvat Manthan, an important dialogue platform for Manifestation of Clean and Sustainable Hills initiated by National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA). The main objectives of the workshop was to assess the capacities of ULBs with regards to the 74th amendment, to understand the major bottlenecks and delineate future action towards holistic sanitation planning. Mayors, Chairpersons and Councillors from ULBs and Autonomous Hill Councils from Shimla, Palampur, Ladakh, Gangtok, Darjeeling, Pasighat, Aizawl, Lunglei, and Tura participated in the two day's dialogue. The inaugural session had the presence of NIUA Director, Ms. Debolina Kundu, President IMI, Mr. Ramesh Negi and Team Lead, (SCBP) Dr. Mahreen Mattoo.

Day1: Panel discussion on capacity building and skills of urban local bodies - Chaired by Mr. Tikender Panwar, former Deputy Mayor of Shimla, spoke on the various issues and challenges as well-placed questions for the house on sustainability and resilience of mountain cities. He stressed on the need to redefine what was urban in the mountain context, highlighting the challenges of imminent disasters mountains faced and the need for climate resilient infrastructure.

Mr. Matthew Idicula from Azim Premji University and Dr. Sandeep Thakur of NIUA presented the challenges reflecting on the challenges of the 74th amendment in terms of power devolution, and the difficulties of accessing central grants by ULBs amongst others. The perspective of the geographical challenges in terms of access to water and waste management was shared by Mr. Roshan Rai from IMI advocating for adequate resource allocation for mountain ULBs, enabling capacities of the elected and the need to think of rural urban connect and transboundary landscapes in planning and implementation.



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Elected representatives from the ULBs of Gangtok (Ms. Tshering - Dep. Mayor), Shimla (Mr. Chauhan, Mayor) and Pasighat (Ms. Okiam, Chief Councillor) reiterated the challenges faced by municipalities in terms of power devolution, and also that of funds and functionaries. Field visit to the Moti Bagh colony, New Delhi Municipal Corporation was organised for the participants on decentralised waste and water management.

Day 2: Key bottlenecks to WASH service delivery session was chaired by Mr. Deepak Sanan, with panellists Ms. Akila Sivadas, Mr. Santanu and Ms. Priyadarshinee Shrestha. The challenges highlighted were of misplaced priority on asset creation and not towards service delivery and capacities; focus on technological solutions only and lack of support for long term behavioural change; limits of extended producer responsibility implementation where the current framework does not enforce producers to focus on mountain regions. Elected representatives from ULBs of Darjeeling (Mr. Thakuri - Chair), Leh (Mr. Namgyal - Chair) and Aizawl (Mr. Lalrinawma - Vice Chair) municipalities spoke about the issue of water access from an increasing tourism, population growth and climate change perspective. The need for municipalities to make byelaws on water conservation and waste management as well as adequate resource allocation was also highlighted by the elected.

Field visit to the Moti Bagh colony, New Delhi Municipal Corporation waste transfer station and aspirational toilet was organised for the participants to understand practical aspects of segregation, material recovery facility and role of municipalities and private players in waste management and sanitation. Further ideas from Leh town on aspirational toilets constructed by the municipality were also presented to the participants by Mr. Snehit Prakash, BORDA.

A session focusing on climate change impacts on urban service delivery was also organised as part of the workshop which had speakers Dr. Rajan Kotru from IMI and Ms. Vaishnavi from NIUA. The significance of the Indian Himalayan Region was highlighted as water towers that sustain life and livelihoods of millions of populations downstream. Highlighting the Himalayan vulnerabilities and ecological fragility, Dr. Kotru's talk focused on pushing for stakeholder driven participatory land use planning within urban landscapes that identifies the priorities in a fast-changing climate so that future resource flow in the form of water-food-energy is assured. The Parvat Manthan event in Delhi highlighted the need for voices of Himalayan cities to be expressed and heard, as well as for policies, resources and actions to be suitable and adequate

considering the socio-ecological importance and fragility of the Himalaya. Key action points that emerged from the elected representatives were strengthening the ULB platform for mountain cities, building skills and capacities of ULBs on specific issues, enhancing understanding through research on various topics, and technical support for construction of aspirational toilets, preparing DPRs, liquid waste management,

composting solutions for mountainscapes as well as appointment of technical personnel. All elected representatives of the mountain ULBs expressed their commitment and were hopeful that the platform would contribute to the wellbeing of mountain citizens.

In his address, the CEC of LAHDC, Adv. Tashi Gyalson expressed his gratitude to NIUA, BORDA and IMI and endorsed the objectives of Parvat Manthan, mentioning that the important work of ULB strengthening must continue into the future for sustainable mountain cities. In his summary address, President IMI, Mr. Ramesh Negi reiterated the importance of enhancing ULB allocations in the 16th Finance Commission and the need of providing funds, functions and functionaries to ULBs.





4.8 IMI at 6th World Congress Disaster Forum, Dehradun

IMI curated the session ‘Voices from Grassroots’ at the 6th World Congress on Disaster Management held at Dehradun from November 28 to December 1, 2023. The session brought together champions of best practices, development practitioners, scientists, and NGO members from various communities providing an important platform for community voices that was reflected in the Dehra Dun deceleration IMI members were led by President, Ramesh Negi along with Dr. Rajan Kotru, Mr. Jigmet Takpa and Dr. GS Rawat.

Community representatives who participated in the session as panellists were Ms. Liyum Ete/ Dr. Bharat Bhushan Bhatt from Arunachal Pradesh, Dr. Sayed Mustafa Kamal from Leh, Mr. Anil Sharma, Ms. Safina Baig and Mr. Manoj Pandita from J&K, Dr. Laldinpuia and Ms. Lalremruati from Mizoram, Ms. Mayalmit Lepcha from Sikkim, Mr. Rajendra Singh Bisht, Mr. Yogendar Garbiyal, Mr. Bhawan Rana, Shri Manoj Semwal, Ms. Malika Viridi, Dr. Naveen Chandra Joshi and Shri Devi Prasad Thapliyal from Uttarakhand, Mr. Hishe Negi and Sh Rajendra P. Tewari from Himachal Pradesh, Dr Naresh Kumar Choudhary from Haridwar.



4.9 Natural Climate Solutions strategy for India - IMI Inputs

Dr. GS Rawat represents IMI in the Working Groups which has been discussing possible pathways that offer the best balance between greenhouse gas mitigation potential, livelihood and biodiversity benefits to local communities. He has highlighted the need for ecosystem-based approaches to climate change mitigation for long term NCS. Ensuring upstream-downstream linkages and covering social, cultural and ecological diversity, identification of potential natural vegetation (grasslands, scrub and other ecosystems) proper incentive mechanisms for private forest owners and CBOs such as Van Panchayats for participation in the NCS, etc. are other important suggestions. The Nature Conservancy-India's initiative Indian Collaborative for Applied Sustainability Solutions (ICASS) has been working on the challenges through a consortium of experts (working group) to bridge the gap between policy-making and sustainability science; and lack of co-produced, multi-disciplinary solutions. To consolidate the status of institutional mechanism for promoting landscape approach to management, the current regime of Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area (GHNPCA) was assessed through a SWOT exercise, review of its management plan and Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) report. Field visits to different parts of GHNPCA covering eco-zone, selected forests, alpine meadows, past and

present livestock camps (thach) were also undertaken. Based on these, recommendations have been presented to strengthen the present institutional structure, role and responsibilities of the GHNP authorities and need for coordination with other line agencies, etc.



4.10 C20 participation:

Ms. Priyadarshinee Shrestha represented IMI and WWF- India's work at the C20 summit in Gangtok on May 13 on plastic waste in the IHR. Her presentation focused on advocating for Extended Producer Responsibility in the mountains, drawing from the data generated from The Himalayan Cleanup movement.

4.11 PRESIDENT IMI ON 'CITY SENSE'



Mr. Ramesh Negi was invited on the show 'City Sense' hosted by Mr. Tikender Panwar to discuss the various issues of mountain cities. A slew of challenges that Himalayan towns face - water scarcity, rampant plastic pollution and crippling traffic jams were highlighted with the emphasis for the need to re-evaluate development pathways and for localised

solutions with financial models tailored to address these unique issues. The need for a compensation mechanism for the Himalayan states as a means of recognizing and protecting their vital forest resources was also highlighted.

4.12 IMI at the National University of Singapore

Mr. PD Rai, President of Integrated Mountain Initiative, gave a talk at the Residential College 4 at the National University of Singapore. The RC4 STEER Himalaya Forum has been designed by the University to ensure that students from the university get an opportunity to interact and build relationships,



experiences and learning in the Indian Himalayan Region. This program at the University is being led and guided by Dr. Navarun Verma and another colleague.

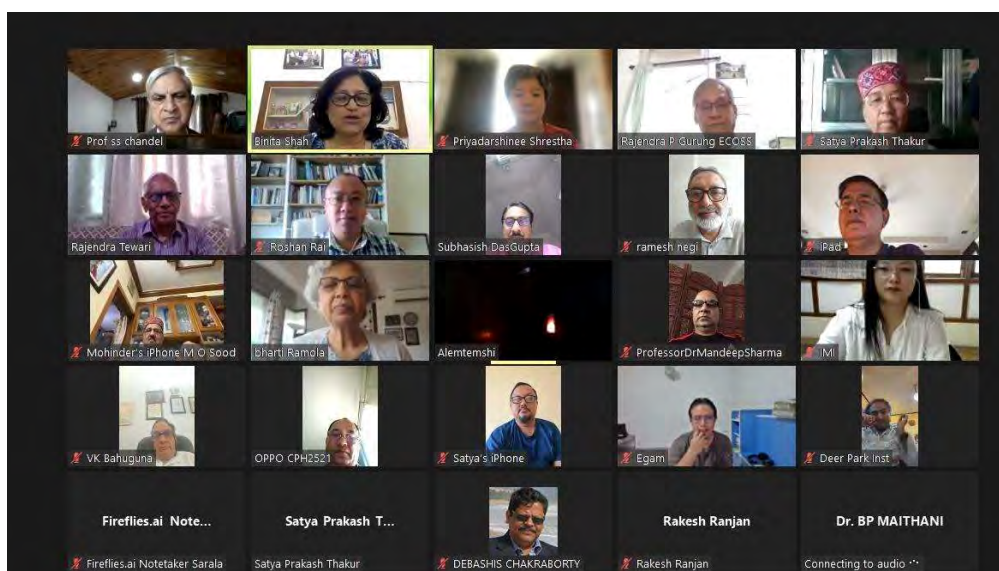
The last batch of students visited Mukteshwar in Uttarakhand in late 2022. They presented their findings and possible interventions, mostly along the lines of ecotourism. Prof. Maharaj Pandit and Mr. PD Rai were the main discussants and advocated how the science to policy process works or does not work at a meta level. It was a lively discussion and debate and the students and professors present added great value to the evening's two hour exercise for students who are looking at ways to build resilience of local people who are reeling under the fury unleashed by climate change.



5. Meetings and Strategic Discussions

5.1 Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body meeting was held online on 19th August. The meeting was chaired by Mr. P.D. Rai, President, IMI and attended by thirty for IMI members. Secretary, Ms. Priyadarshinee presented the action taken report of 9th AGM, followed by a brief on IMI activities. The meeting was especially called to discuss the amendment to MoA on IMI membership. Rationale for the amendment that had been shared earlier was presented to the members and that it would help in bringing new members. The IMI general body unanimously approved the amendment.



5.2 Governing Council Meetings

The **33rd Governing Council** was conducted virtually on 6th May, 2023. All GC members attended with the exception of Dr. Vincent Darlong and Mr. Egam Basar who were absent with leave from Chair. The meeting was started with a welcome address by the President, Mr. PD Rai who began with a mention about the unrest in Manipur and hoped for a peaceful resolution of the problem. He stated that in last meeting of IMI members at Delhi, there were a host of issues that continue to resonate which may hope to resolve some of them today. Ms. Priyadarshinee Shrestha, Secretary IMI presented the Action Taken Report of the last GC meeting and IMI activities of the past few months. Ms. Binita Shah, Treasurer IMI shared the accounts and expenditure details and the fund status of IMI.

IMI Membership issue was also discussed at length with an update on the suggestions provided by various state chapters. This included both individual membership and the



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inclusion of State Chapters representatives into the general body. The election process for the new Governing Council was also discussed and the ball has been set rolling with resolution on appointment of Mr. S Chettri and Mr. K Rautela as the returning officers.

The **34th Governing Council** was conducted virtually on 19th August, 2023. All GC members attended with the exception of Mr. Rigzin Spalbar and Dr. Rajendra Dobhal. Secretary, Ms. Priyadarshinee Shrestha, presented the minutes of the 33rd GC meeting and the Action taken Report (ATR). She informed the members about the recent updates on Himachal Pradesh chapter formation, and the submission of two draft proposals on EPR and Agroecology systems to MoEFCC. The amendment of IMI MoA on the membership clause was also discussed, and a consensus decision was taken by the GC. Ms. Binita Shah presented the balance sheet which was approved by the council. Dr. Satyadeep Chhetri, Returning Officer for the elections informed the members about the nominations received and the process of IMI election 2023.

The **35th Governing Council** was conducted virtually on 15th October 2023. All GC members attended with the exception of Ms. Fantry Mein Jaswal, Dr. Mohinder Pal Sood, Ms. Thingreiphi Lungharwa and Dr. Gopal Singh Rawat. The meeting started with a two minutes silence offering homage to the victims of floods in Sikkim and West Bengal. Mr. Roshan Rai, Secretary, IMI moved a resolution expressing solidarity of the IMI fraternity with the families of victims, which was adopted. Secretary presented the minutes of the last GC meeting. Then the discussion was held on appointments of ED/Advisor projects, Articles of Association/Amendments, Dr Rajan Kotru and Sh Jikmet Takpa, Admission of new members and Screening committee formed to review old members. Also, the Secretary informed the Council that the IFOAM and NMHS proposal has been submitted. The Mou with NIUA and WWF was also discussed and inputs or agendas for the 16th Finance Commission. MoMS 2024 to be held in 1st week of February and Himachal Pradesh Chapter MoU is in progress as informed by Dr. Rajan Kotru.

The **36th Governing Council** was conducted virtually on 23rd December 2023. All GC members attended with the exception of Ms. Fantry M. Jaswal, Ms. Binita Shah, Mr. Rigzin Spalbar, Mr. R.P. Gurung and Prof John Zothanzama. The agenda items discussed were IFOAM and NMHS project, Meet of the Mountain States 2024, State chapters to recommend new members and fund status. The action or the outcome of the meeting was follow up needed regarding MoEFCC projects, MoMS 2024 focal point will be water related issues and the disasters, Need to study rapid analysis of damages of water related disasters in IHR. Report of the said analysis may be released during MoMS, Regarding IMI membership, State chapters to recommend at-least 10 names to the screening committee.



5.3 IMI released “Resolution on solidarity with Teesta Floods affected people”

Integrated Mountain Initiative stands in solidarity with the people of Sikkim, West Bengal and Bangladesh who have had to face the onslaught of GLOF and the flash flood.

The Glacial Lake Outburst Flood from Lhonak Lake at 5,200 m (17,100 ft) above sea level in North Sikkim and the subsequent breach of the Teesta III Dam at Chungthang on 4 October 2023 has left a trail of destruction along the Lachen Chu and River Teesta with 37 people losing their lives, 78 missing and countless property and assets washed away or damaged. The floods have damaged critical infrastructure, important biodiversity landscapes and affected lives of people in Sikkim, Darjeeling, Kalimpong leaving a traumatic mark especially for people living in the proximity of the Lachen Chu and River Teesta. The recovery process is going to be long drawn and expensive.

The disaster once again is a reminder that the Himalaya needs mountain sensitive policies and practices that acknowledges the socio-ecological importance and fragility of the landscape. The disaster is a reminder of the impacts of development choices that we have taken in the Himalaya as well as how global issues like climate change is impacting and compounding the challenging that mountain people face

As we move from relief to rehabilitation, we must mainstream disaster risk reduction and resilience building. Importantly, all policies need to be made mountain sensitive and appropriate resources allocated and developed that acknowledges the socio-ecological importance and fragility of the Himalaya.

We offer our heartfelt prayers to all affected by the Teesta disaster.

*Integrated Mountain Initiative
16 October 2023*

Annexure 1 : Audit Report (2023-24)

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Auditor's Report

1 We have audited the financial statements of **Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI)**, 315/274, 2nd Floor, Westend Marg, M.B. Road Saidul Ajab, New Delhi (PAN No.: AAAAI7852F), which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024, the statement of Income & Expenditure A/c for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory informations.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

2 Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance in accordance with the Accounting Standard generally accept in India. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and Completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation & presentation of financial Statements that give a true & fair view and are free from materials misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

3 Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and the disclosures in the financial statements. The procedure selected depends on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessment, the auditor considers internal financial control relevant to the preparation of the financial statements that give a true & fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements.

Opinion

4 Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

In our opinion and information & explanations given to us, the aforesaid financial statements give the information in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles of the state of affairs as and its surplus for the year ended on that date.

We report, subject to significant Accounting Policies & notes to accounts and audit observation to this report of even date that :

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of the audit.
- In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept at the office, so far as appears from our examination of the books.
- In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said accounts, read with notes thereon, if any, give a true and fair view :-
 - In the case of the balance sheet, of the state of the affairs as 31st March, 2024, and
 - In the case of Income & Expenditure A/c for the year ended on that date.

Dated : 06-09-2024



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Partner

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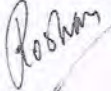
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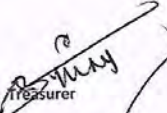
As at 31st March 2024

PARTICULARS	Note No.	As at 31st March 2024	As at 31st March 2023
		(in Rs.)	(in Rs.)
Capital Account			
Corpus Fund	1	1,657,580.56	1,801,715.59
Lifetime Membership Fund		440,000.00	440,000.00
Fixed Asset Capital Fund		28,849.60	32,740.60
Dr.R.S Tolia Memorial Award Fund		1,043,776.00	1,043,776.00
Other Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors	2	711,947.51	444,250.00
Audit & Taxation Fees Payable	3	5,782.49	47,200.00
Unutilized / Earmarked Grant Fund	4	9,157.40	685,972.92
TOTAL		3,897,093.56	4,495,655.11
Fixed Assets			
As per details	5	28,849.60	32,740.60
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6	498,059.96	1,092,730.51
Loan & Advances	7	70,184.00	70,184.00
Advances recoverable in Cash or Kind			
Investments	8	3,300,000.00	3,300,000.00
TOTAL		3,897,093.56	4,495,655.11

Significant accounting policies and notes to accounts

On behalf of the Board Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI)


Secretary
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Treasurer

Dated : 06-09-2024

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Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI)
Schedules to the Balance Sheet

Note	Name of the Heads related to Balance Sheet	Total transactions during the year 2023-2024			
		As at 31st March 2023	Dr.	Cr.	As at 31st March 2024
1	Corpus Fund				
1	Corpus Fund	1,801,715.59	7,046.97	151,182.00	1,657,580.56
2	Dr.R Stolia Memorial Award Fund	1,043,776.00			1,043,776.00
3	Membership Fees	440,000.00			440,000.00
4	Fixed Asset Capital Fund	32,740.60		3,891.00	28,849.60
	Total	3,318,232.19	7,046.97	155,073.00	3,170,206.16
2	Sundry Creditors				
	1. MK Tour & Travels		161,185.90	865,420.51	704,234.61
	2. Mohinder Pal Sood		6,818.10	10,568.00	3,749.90
	3. Rajendra Prasad Gurung		2,000.00	5,963.00	3,963.00
	Total	-	170,004.00	881,951.51	711,947.51
3	Audit & Taxation Fees Payable				
1	Balance Sheet Audit Fees Payable	35,400.00		35,400.00	-
2	ITR filing & Tax Audit Fees Payable	11,800.00		11,800.00	-
3	TDS Payable-Consultancy		76,567.00	70,750.00	5,817.00
4	TDS Payable-194C		1,661.49	1,696.00	(34.51)
	Total	47,200.00	78,228.49	119,646.00	5,782.49
4	Unutilized / Earmarked Grant Fund	As per separate sheet attached (Refer to Note-4)			
5	Fixed Assets				
1	Office Chairs	6,159.60		616.00	5,543.60
2	Colour Printer	12,325.00		1,849.00	10,476.00
3	Office Table	14,256.00		1,426.00	12,830.00
	Total	32,740.60	-	3,891.00	28,849.60
6	Cash & Cash Equivalents				
1	Cash in Hand	-			-
2	ICICI Bank 135701000837	1,092,730.51	1,421,164.35	2,015,834.90	498,059.96
3	BOB Bank - 06230100012213				-
	Total	1,092,730.51	1,421,164.35	2,015,834.90	498,059.96
7	Loans & Advances (Asset)				
1	German Development Cooperation(GIZ Office)	47,405.00			47,405.00
2	MIMDI	22,779.00			22,779.00
	Total	70,184.00	-	-	70,184.00
8	Investments				
1	MF ICICI_PRU_MF	1,500,000.00			1,500,000.00
2	MF_HDFC_MF	1,800,000.00			1,800,000.00
	Total	3,300,000.00	-	-	3,300,000.00


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Note 4

Unutilized / Earmarked Grant Fund		OPENING	Grant received	Bank Int. & Others	TOTAL	Fund Utilized	Funds Unutilized	Total Payments	CLOSING
1	Himalayan Cleanup	(38,042.00)			(38,042.00)		(38,042.00)	-	(38,042.00)
2	World Wide Fund (WWF)	134,612.45			134,612.45	134,612.45		134,612.45	-
3	Sustainable Development Forum Uttarakhand (SDFU)	24,568.50	50,000.00		74,568.50	74,568.50		74,568.50	-
4	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	116,181.48			116,181.48	116,181.48		116,181.48	-
5	The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	66,043.84	369,000.00		435,043.84	373,843.84	47,200.00	373,843.84	47,200.00
6	Lead India	1,211.53			1,211.53	1,211.53		1,211.53	-
7	Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC)	381,397.72			381,397.72	381,397.72		381,397.72	-
8	Atunachal Pradesh State Government		1,000,000.00		1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00		1,000,000.00	-
Total		685,972.92	1,410,000.00	-	2,095,972.92	2,086,315.52	9,157.40	2,086,315.52	9,157.40




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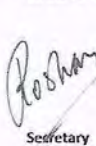

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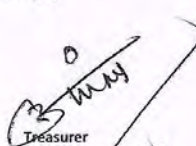
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Consolidated Income & Expenditure Account
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

PARTICULARS		Note No.	As at 31st March 2024	
			(in Rs.)	
A	Incomes : (Grant Received)			
1	Himalayan Cleanup		-	
2	World Wide Fund (WWF)		-	
3	Sustainable Development Forum Uttaranchal (SDFU)		50,000.00	
4	United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP)		-	
5	The Nature Conservancy (TNC)		360,000.00	
6	Lead India		-	
7	Ministry of Environmet, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC)		-	
8	Arunachal Pradesh State Government		1,000,000.00	1,410,000.00
Total = (A)		>>>	1,410,000.00	1,410,000.00
B	Expenditures : (Grant Utilised)			
1	Himalayan Cleanup		-	
2	World Wide Fund (WWF)		134,612.45	
3	Sustainable Development Forum Uttaranchal (SDFU)		74,568.50	
4	United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP)		116,181.48	
5	The Nature Conservancy (TNC)		378,843.84	
6	Lead India		1,211.53	
7	Ministry of Environmet, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC)		381,397.72	
8	Arunachal Pradesh State Government		1,000,000.00	2,086,815.52
Total = (B)		>>>	2,086,815.52	2,086,815.52
C	Excess of Expenditure over Income = (A - B)		>>>>	(676,815.52)

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Notes of Accounts and Significant Accounting Policies

As at 31st March 2024

- 1 a The Method of Accounting generally followed is Cash-basis and therefore, Income and expenditure is recognized on receipt basis.
- b The financial statements are based on historical cost convention
- 2 a Revenue is recognized only after it become due.
- b In case of Grant/Budget allocation received from the Government or other agencies the unutilized portion thereof have been treated in the Balance Sheet as liability under the head, "Grant Funds."
- c Expense on the other hand is recognized once the payment for the same have been made.
- 3 Fixed Assets are stated at cost of acquisition or construction less depreciation charged to profit and loss account. Cost is inclusive of duties, taxes, erection/commissioning and incidental expenses.
- 4 a Depreciation on Fixed Assets is charged on written down value method.
- b The depreciation on fixed assets put to use at any time during the year is provided at rates as specified under the Income Tax Act, 1961
- 5 a Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI) is a group of well-known scholars, former administrators and subject experts who have come together with a view to create a collaborative initiative involving a number of constituents from grassroots to research and policy making committed to and working towards the common vision and mission of sustainable development of the mountains in general and Uttarakhand in particular. The Society acted as a generating ideas for formulating and Implementing policies and programmes of sustainable development encompassing environmental, social and economic domains in mountain areas, especially Uttarakhand.
- b Funds released to Institutions, NGO's & other Agencies under various schemes shown as expenditure in Income & Expenditure Account are subject to utilization certificates.
- c Grant utilized during three year are transferred to Income & Expenditure Account & unutilized portion is shown as grant Fund under liability side of Balance Sheet.

Dated : 06-09-2024



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Annexure 2 : Governing Council & Staff

Governing Council (till September 2023)

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 Dhobal 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



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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.

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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 the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Currently, he is the Vice Chancellor of Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong.



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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.

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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

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Ramesh Negi, President

Ramesh Negi has been a Member of Indian Administrative service 1984 batch of AGMUT Cadre. He brings with him vast administrative experience of working in diverse cultural and social environments of different Union Territories and States of Goa and Arunachal Pradesh. Ramesh Negi held vital assignments in NCT of DELHI such as Additional Commissioner MCD, MD Delhi Tourism, Chairman Delhi Transport Corporation, CEO Delhi Jal Board and Principal Secretary Urban Development. As the Additional Commissioner MCD he is credited with reforms in Sanitation in MCD and effective implementation of solid waste management strategies. Privatisation of transportation of Municipal Solid Waste was one such big initiative resulting in revenue savings and timely lifting of Municipal Waste.

In the Tourism sector he focussed on efficient utilisation of Tourism assets and established DELHI HAAT at Pitampura and Janakpuri. These HAATS promote small craftsmen from Villages all over INDIA and provide affordable family entertainment to citizens and Tourists. On taking up the assignment of Chairman DTC, Modernisation of the DTC fleet was achieved to facilitate successful conduct of Commonwealth Games. .

In the Water Sector as the CEO of JAL Board, Ramesh Negi is credited with major reforms aimed at conservation of this scarce resource and adoption of the latest management systems. Three areas in South and West Delhi were assigned to leaders in the International Water Management Companies for operation and reduction of Water Loss in the system .Water Tariff was rationalised and revenue of DJB doubled in three years. To reduce pollution in Yamuna sewage treatment standards were made stringent and Mega Project Interceptor Sewer Systems was launched. Management of Water and Sewerage treatment plants was outsourced to leading International and Indian companies in this Sector.

In addition to the urban sector Sh. Ramesh Negi has held the position of Finance Secretary in Daman Diu, Dadar Nagar Haveli, State of Goa and Arunachal Pradesh. His coordination skills and deft presentations before 14th Finance Commission secured the highest award of Central Grants to the State of Arunachal Pradesh. In the two years that he led the administration of the state of Arunachal Pradesh as the Chief Secretary he laid special emphasis on development of Infrastructure in remote areas and conservation of rich Environmental and Cultural heritage of the state for future generations.

Sh. Negi has served as Chairperson of Delhi Child Rights Commission and presently he is the Chairperson of Supreme Court Monitoring committee on Homeless a d shelter less In NCT of Delhi.



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Fantry Mein Jaswal, Vice President

Fantry Mein Jaswal joined the Indian Revenue Service (Customs & Central Excise) in 1976. She is the first woman to join the civil services from Arunachal Pradesh. She worked in various capacities and held several challenging posts in the department in a career spanning 35 years. She received the President's Award for Meritorious Record of Service in 2003. She retired as Chief Commissioner of Customs & Central Excise in July 2011. Fantry Mein Jaswal was appointed as Chairperson of the 2nd Arunachal Pradesh State Finance Commission in 2012. She submitted her report to the Governor 2014 and demitted office thereafter. Fantry Mein Jaswal joined the Integrated Mountain Initiative in 2012 as a Councilor representing the state of Arunachal Pradesh. She was appointed as Treasurer of IMI in 2014 and Secretary in 2016. She served as Secretary for consecutive six years and as a Founding Member, helped build the institution in its formative years. She was instrumental in the formation of the Sustainable Forum of Arunachal Pradesh (SDFA), a state chapter of IMI and was nominated as its chairperson. She continues to hold the post till date.

Jigmet Takpa, Vice President

Jigmet Takpa is a Retd Indian Forest Service (IFS) Officer of 1990 Batch, Apex Scale (Level 16). Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Union Territory of Ladakh. Former Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Project Director: Ladakh Renewable Energy Development Agency, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, National Focal Point for UNCCD, IUCN, ICIMOD, GEF, Vienna Convention (UNEP). He is expertise in Himalayan Biodiversity conservation, Natural Resource Management and livelihood improvement, Managed groundwater assessment and regulation to address critical concerns and Represented India effectively in G-20 and G7 contexts through the International Cooperation (IC) Division.

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Dr. Gopal Singh Rawat, Councilor

Dr. Gopal Singh Rawat, Formerly Senior Professor & Dean at the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun has over 42 years of research experience on the Himalayan Flora, Ecology and Management of Natural Resources in the Himalayan region (Alpine Rangelands, Bio-resources, Orchids and Medicinal Plants). He is a Fellow of National Academy of Sciences, India (2004) and recipient of prestigious T.N. Khoshoo Memorial Award. He served as Chief Scientist, Ecosystem Services at the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Kathmandu (2011 – 2014) and is a member of several professional bodies and expert committees.

He is in Himalayan Ecosystems especially Alpine Flora, Orchids and Medicinal Plants, and specialized in Himalayan Flora and the former Dean and Director at the Wildlife Institute of India Dehradun. He has been actively engaged in teaching, research and academic activities for the last 40 years. His areas of specialization include eco-floristic studies in the Himalayan region, Ecology and Management of Alpine rangelands, Status survey of medicinal plants, and Wildlife Habitat Wildlife Ecology. He is a recipient of prestigious T.N. Khoshoo Memorial Award for 2019. He has over 300 publications including peer reviewed papers, books, reports and popular articles on a wide range of topics including plant systematics, habitat ecology and management of wildlife habitats in India. His other experiences include working as Chief Scientist, Ecosystem Services at International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) at Kathmandu (2011-14), Member, Task Force on Mountain Ecosystems for the Planning Commission during (2006-08), Member of IUCN (SSC) Orchid and Medicinal Plant Specialist Groups and an expert member, Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for the Asia-Pacific region.

Currently he is a member of the Planning Board for Union Territory of Ladakh and Member, Wildlife Board, Uttarakhand and member of expert committee for the management of Invasive Alien Species in India formed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India. He served as a Chairman of the Committee for formulation of Rangeland Policy for the Union Territory of Ladakh.



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Prof John Zothanzama, Joint Secretary

Prof John Zothanzama is a professor in Department of Biotechnology, Mizoram University and former Assistant Professor and Associate Professor in Department of Environmental Sciences, Mizoram University. He is a member in Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI) since 2015, General Secretary in Mizoram Sustainable Development Foundation (MSDF), and was also engaged in NGOs, community service and Government Committees Mizo Academy of Sciences (MAS), Science & Environment Committee of Central YMA, Ailawng Village Ecotourism Development Society (AVEDSOC), State Wildlife Board Mizoram, Mizoram State Biodiversity Board and State Environment Impact Assessment Authority Mizoram.

Ms. Thingreiphi Lungharwo, Councillor

Ms. Thingreiphi Lungharwo is Executive Secretary, Mountain Indigenous Knowledge Center, Project Supervisor, Naga Women Union and Nodal Person, Manipur Forum for Sustainable Mountain Development. Ms. Thingreiphi is committed to work for people who struggle to live in peace and dignity. Extensive work experience on environment issues, rights, indigenous peoples and traditional knowledge. Focus on livelihood, food security, biodiversity conservation, community natural resource management, gender and building resilience. She is a recipient of Global Indigenous Peoples Fellowship for Biodiversity under GEF/UNDP Small Grant Program. She coordinated Global Indigenous Peoples network on biodiversity and traditional knowledge, Regional Environment Program at Asia Indigenous peoples Pact, based in Thailand, Adivasis Forum in Central India and worked with communities in North East under NERCORMP /IFAD.

Mr. Rajendra Prasad Gurung, Councillor

Mr. Rajendra Prasad Gurung, Chief Executive Officer of Gangtok-based non-profit ECOSS (Ecotourism Conservation Society of Sikkim) and has been an active member of IMI.

Dr. Mohinder Pal Sood, Councillor

Dr. Mohinder Pal Sood from Himachal Pradesh, born on 2nd April 1958 completed B Sc. Agriculture with Gold Medal and M Sc. In Plant Breeding and Genetics and PhD in the same subject. Dr. Sood joined H.P. Administrative Services in 1985 and during his long tenure of 31 years he served the State on various important posts.

Dr. Rajan Kotru, Councillor

Dr. Rajan Kotru is an innovative, strategic and passionate senior international research and sustainable development expert, with a career spanning over 35 years and experience and expertise gained across South Asia, Europe, India and the USA. With a PhD from Highest Ranked Ludwig Maximilians University of Germany on Forestry



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Sciences, he has contributed to concepts, execution and monitoring of impact-oriented research and development projects in the German Alps and Indian Himalayan Region. He has richly contributed to national (e.g., NITI Aayog, German Alpine Foundation, J&K Climate Cell) and international Policy Think-Tanks (e.g., IUFRO, Global Landscapes Forum, FAO), cohesive multicultural teams, and governments championing climate smart, eco-friendly solutions in applied research, rural development and transnational contexts, dedicated to restoration and sustenance of mountain ecosystem services enabling poor and disadvantaged communities. As an accessible leader in his field, he has created and modelled best practices (e.g., First-ever community level PES in IHR, UNDP's selection of Changar Project). An intensively sought Youth mobilisation professional (in Himachal Pradesh and J&K, Nepal Youth Council). Has worked in over 20 countries.

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IMI Secretariat

Dikila Bhutia, Program Manager

Dikila Bhutia based in Gangtok, Sikkim works as a Program Associate with the IMI secretariat since 2022. She has a MBA background and worked as a project manager in SAATHI NGO for five years and deputy manager in Vocational Education Project in SIBIN for eight years.

Nupur Sarkar, Accounts & Administration Officer

Nupur Sarkar based in Dehradun, Uttarakhand works as an Accounts & Administration Officer with IMI Secretariat since 2020. Prior to joining IMI, she has worked with banking & financial institutions for four years. She holds a degree in Masters in Political Science and International Relation and Post Graduate Diploma Management (PGDM) in Finance and Marketing. She has previously worked with ICICI Direct and Axis Bank.

Annexure 3 : Membership List (31st March 2023)

Sl. No .	Name of Individual/ Representative	Designation/ Profession	Organisation	State
1	Fantry Mein Jaswal	Founding Member & Retd IRS officer	Integrated Mountain Initiative	Arunachal Pradesh
2	Rezina Mihu	Founder & Chairman	IPMS	Arunachal Pradesh
3	Gandhi Darang	Journalist		Arunachal Pradesh
4	Egam Basar	Govt Servant and Member of SDFA		Arunachal Pradesh
5	Okit Palling	Agriculture Development Officer, (Agri-Marketing)		Arunachal Pradesh
6	Nalong Mize	Development Worker		Arunachal Pradesh
7	Rab Kara Taj	Scientist, SFRI	Sustainable Development Forum Arunachal (SDFA)	Arunachal Pradesh
8	Professor Dr. Mandeep Sharma	Professor and Head	College of Veterinary Sciences, HP Agricultural University	Himachal Pradesh
9	Mohinder Pal Sood	IAS Retd	Ex Commissioner MC Shimla & Secretary HPSEBL	Himachal Pradesh
10	Rajender Prasad Tewari	Under Secretary to the Govt. of India		Himachal Pradesh
11	Dr. Tej Partap	IMI Founding Member & Vice Chancellor	Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology	Himachal Pradesh
12	Satya Prakash Thakur	Former Elected Chairman of Bhutti Weavers Cooperative Kullu HP		Himachal Pradesh
13	Atul Khosla	President and Pro Vice Chancellor	Shoolini University	Himachal Pradesh
14	Prashant Varma	Director	Deer Park Institute (Siddharthas Intent India)	Himachal Pradesh
15	Dr. Rajan Kotru	GC member		Himachal Pradesh

16	Rigzin Spalbar	Founding Member, IMI/ Former CEC, LAHDC, Leh		Ladakh
17	Mohammad Haneefa	Former Councillor		Ladakh
18	Er Punchok Tashi	Executive Councilor in LAHDC Kargil		Ladakh
19	Jigmet Takpa	President, SDFL	Retd.CCF, Ladakh	Ladakh
20	Ram Muivah	Former Secretary of North East Council (NEC)		Manipur
21	Thingreiphi Lungharwo	Development Worker		Manipur
22	Vincent Darlong	IMI Council Member	Integrated Mountain Initiative	Meghalaya
23	Tony T C Marak	President of MIMDI, Meghalaya	Meghalaya Integrated Mountain Initiative	Meghalaya
24	Dr. Shailendra Chaudhari	Managing Director	CBTC	Meghalaya
25	Dr. Subhasish DasGupta	Associate Professor	Martin Luther Christian University,Shillong	Meghalaya
26	Dr. LalbiakMawia Ngente	IMI Council Member	Integrated Mountain Initiative	Mizoram
27	Dr. John Zothanzama Sailo	Assistant Professor	Mizoram University & MSDF	Mizoram
28	Prof. Lalnuntluanga	Professor	Mizoram University & MSDF	Mizoram
29	Dr C. Rinawma	Scientist	KrishiVigyan Kendra, Lengpui, Mizoram	Mizoram
30	Lalchuangliana	Cameraman	Doordarshan, Aizawl Station	Mizoram
31	Lalzirliawa	Business	AMC	Mizoram
32	Alemtemshi Jamir	Founding Member & Former Chief Secretary of Nagaland	Integrated Mountain Initiative	Nagaland
33	Akummeren	Government Employee		Nagaland
34	Amba Jamir	IMI Founding Member & Development Consultant	Sustainable Development Forum Nagaland (SDFN)	Nagaland
35	Akali Sema	Govt. Service		NAGALAND
36	Amba Jamir	Executive Director	Sustainable Development Forum Nagaland	Nagaland

37	Rajeev Dar	Consultant		NCR
38	Bhawana Luthra	Executive Director	LEAD India	NCR
39	Sushil Ramola	Founding Member	IMI	NCR
40	Ramesh Negi	IMI Council Member	IMI	NCR
41	Naresh Kumar Pande	Journalist		NCR
42	Dr VK Bahuguna	Rtd. Civil Servant		NCR
43	Bharti Gupta Ramola	Self-employed; previously Markets Leader, PwC India		NCR
44	Rajnish Karki	Management Consultant		NCR
45	Priyadarshinee Shrestha	IMI Council Member	IMI	Sikkim
46	P.D. Rai	Founding Member & IMI Council Member	IMI	Sikkim
47	Rajendra Prasad Gurung	IMI Founding member & CEO	ECOSS	Sikkim
48	Rajendra Prasad Gurung, ECOSS	ECOSS	ECOSS	Sikkim
49	Dr. Satyadeep Singh Chhetri	Assistant Professor	Sikkim Govt. College	Sikkim
50	Karma Bhutia	Entrepreneur		SIKKIM
51	Binita Chamling	Director (Organic Sikkim)	Organic Sikkim	Sikkim
52	Dr. Sarala Khaling	Regional Director	Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE)	Sikkim
53	Dr. Rakesh Kumar Ranjan	Department of Geology	Sikkim University	Sikkim
54	H THERESA DARLONG	Assistant Professor	Agartala Women's College	Tripura
55	Dr Thiru Selvan	Assistant Professor	Tripura University	Tripura
56	Atan59u Saha	Govt. Service		Tripura
57	Achintya Kumar Sinha	Freelance Consultant, Forestry & allied areas	Development Initiative for Sustainable Advancement	Tripura

58	Dr Rajendra Dobhal	IMI Council Member	Integrated Mountain Initiative	Uttarakhand
59	Dr. Gopal Singh Rawat	IMI Council Member	Integrated Mountain Initiative	Uttarakhand
60	Mahendra Singh Kunwar	Chief Functionary	Himalayan Action Research Centre(HARC), Dehradun	Uttarakhand
61	Dr.Bhagwati Prasad Maithani	Academic & Activist		Uttarakhand
62	Krishan Singh Rautela	Development Professional	Asian Development Bank	Uttarakhand
63	Girish Chandra Singh Negi	Scientist	Govind Ballabh Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment	UTTARAKHAND
64	Dr. Piyush Joshi	Senior Scientific Officer	Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology (UCOST)	Uttarakhand
65	Binita Shah	Founder	SARG Vikas Samiti	Uttarakhand
66	Praful Rao	Founder & Chairman	Save The Hills	West Bengal
67	Rohit Sharma	MLA, West Bengal		West Bengal
68	T.K. Dewan	Former MLA, West Bengal Legislative Assembly		West Bengal
69	Roshan Rai	Programme Officer	DLR Prerna	West Bengal

Annexure 4: Our Partners and Supporters





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