



# ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

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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”. IMI’s mission is to integrate the knowledge and experience of multiple stakeholders working on diverse issues across Indian mountain states to inform and influence policy, both at the national and state level. IMI 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. Translating the dialogues further, our objective is to generate action on such themes through informed, relevant policies and action on the ground

Integrated Mountain Initiative IMI operates through an ecosystem of state and regional chapters who are aligned with IMI’s vision. 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 Himalaya. 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.

### IMI’s State Chapters

IMI is a voluntary collective of State Chapters that represents the states and regions within the IHR and is made up 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 regions 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.



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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)
- 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)

## **IMI's Institutional Members**

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

## 2. IMI Flagship Events:

### 2.1 Sustainable Mountain Development Summit (SMDS)

IMI hosts an annual conclave of the Indian Himalaya States titled 'Sustainable Mountain Development Summit' (SMDS). 3-5 themes relevant to the mountains, calling for immediate attention, are taken up for deep discussion. Conclusions and recommendations emerging from the SMDS are pursued by IMI subsequently. SMDS are taken forward with the State Chapter the taking lead for hosting it.

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 deep diving into the theme producing specific policy briefings and recommendations. Each summit had 200-300 participants,



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representing a diverse mix of policymakers, legislators, community and youth representatives, experts, academia, government representatives, industry leaders, international, national and grassroots level NGOs, consultants and media.

## **2.2 Mountain Legislators Meet (MLM)**

The Mountain Legislators Meet is an important event within the SMDS, 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. MLM is hosted with these expected outcomes:

- 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

### **The thematic focus of past MLMs**

2022: Extended Producer Responsibility: From Policy to Practice

2021: Pathways for Plastic Waste Management in the Indian Himalayan Region

2020: Health and Vaccine Issues and Green Recovery in the Tourism Sector

2019: Towards building secured livelihoods for mountain youth

2018: Himalayan Glaciers and Water Security of the Indo-Gangetic Plains

2017: Climate change and its impact on Indian mountain states

## **2.3 Meet of the Mountain States (MoMS)**

Meet of the Mountain States (MoMS) is convened to share the outcomes and recommendations of the SMDS with key stakeholders in policy making post SMDS in Delhi. It is also a forum for advocacy and sensitising national policymakers and mountain diaspora about important, critical and emerging mountain issues. This MoMS aims to foreground the IHR and inform policy makers for mountain sensitive policies and practices.

### **The thematic focus of past MoMS:**

2024: Water Resource in the Himalaya, Disaster Resilience & Reduction

2023: Plastic Waste Management in the Himalaya- Pathways for EPR implementation and Agro-ecology in Indian Himalayas: Resurgence with Millets.

2020: Building an entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Indian Himalayan Region



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2018: Agenda for a Sustainable Future

2017: Water security and skill for development in the mountains

2015: Implementing DRR Resolutions

2014: Celebrating International Mountain Day-unique gathering, symbolic of all the mountain states coming together

2013: Sustainable development and the Indian Himalayan Region and India's Mountain states  
Crown Jewels or Distant Cousins?



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## 3. IMI Projects (2024-25)

### 3.1 Closed Projects

#### 3.1.1 Scope of Work: Working Group on Natural Climate Solutions

##### (1) IMI provides technical inputs to Natural Climate Solutions strategy for India

IMI contributes to India's Natural Climate Solutions (NCS) strategy through the Indian Collaborative for Applied Sustainability Solutions (ICASS), a Nature Conservancy-India initiative bridging the gap between sustainability science and policymaking. ICASS has formed a Working Group of experts, including Dr. Gopal S. Rawat representing IMI, to co-produce science-based, multi-disciplinary sustainability solutions.

Over the past two months, the group held online and offline meetings to develop NCS pathways balancing greenhouse gas mitigation, livelihoods, and biodiversity. Dr. Rawat highlighted ecosystem-based approaches, the importance of upstream-downstream linkages, and the need to consider social, cultural, and ecological diversity. He stressed identifying potential natural vegetation before large-scale tree plantations and creating incentives for private and community forest stakeholders, such as Van Panchayats, to participate in NCS.

##### (11) Technical Inputs to TNC's Working Group 2

Under **ICASS Phase 2**, TNC formed a Working Group to evaluate institutional mechanisms for a landscape approach to managing the Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area (GHNPCA), including challenges related to its UNESCO World Heritage Site status. Coordinated by CHIRAG, the group included Dr. G.S. Rawat (IMI), who contributed to assessing institutional mechanisms, reviewing management effectiveness, and making recommendations.

Dr. G.S. Rawat, along with Dr. G.S. Goraya and Dr. Vaneet Jishtu, conducted a SWOT analysis, studied the Management Plan (2010–2020) and 2018 MEE report, and undertook a field visit covering eco-zones, forests, alpine meadows, and livestock camps. Key recommendations include: developing strategies to maintain WH site integrity, establishing a corpus for operations and research, capacity building for frontline staff, adopting a landscape approach, integrating WHS management with other protected areas, promoting eco-tourism, engaging local communities in monitoring and habitat restoration, and initiating springshed and wetland monitoring.

### 3.1.2 Macro Level Stocktake Assessment on Solid Waste Management and Promoting a Circular Economy in the State of Uttarakhand supported by ICIMOD

The Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI), Sustainable Development Forum Uttarakhand, and Waste Warriors jointly conducted a rapid study titled **“Macro Level Stocktake Assessment on Solid**



**Waste Management and Promoting a Circular Economy in Uttarakhand”** between September and December 2024. The study aimed to understand solid waste management (SWM) systems in Uttarakhand’s emerging hill towns and identify gaps and opportunities to promote a circular economy.

The assessment approached waste as a **production and consumption issue**, emphasizing circular economy principles that link waste management with justice, equity, food and nutrition security, climate change, and biodiversity conservation.

#### **Key Activities**

The study used **policy and literature review, community-based observations, and stakeholder consultations** to review state and local SWM policies and their potential for circular economy adoption. The study also looked at assessing SWM systems across the value chain at a macro level through Key Informant Interviews and focus group discussions,

Two towns—**Srinagar (Pauri)** and **Bhowali (Nainital)**—were selected as representative sites and the collection, transportation, and disposal practices, identify stakeholders, and assess infrastructure and awareness levels were studied with primary data collection methodologies .

**State-level consultation** involving government departments, ULBs, NGOs, and CBOs were organized to validate findings and refine recommendations. The final report submitted to ICIMOD only, identified scalable, context-appropriate solutions and technologies as well as recommended strategies suited to Uttarakhand’s hill towns.





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## 3.2 Ongoing Projects

### 3.2.1 NMHS Project titled “Agro-Ecology, Climate Resilient Farming and Livelihood Enhancement in Border Villages of Indian Himalayan Region”

The project covers three border districts i.e., Spiti Valley (Himachal Pradesh), Niti Valley (Uttarakhand), and Dzongu Valley (Sikkim), identified as Border *Vibrant Villages* by the Government of India. It seeks to develop traditional and threatened Himalayan agro-ecological systems into viable livelihood opportunities.

#### Objectives

- Assess the impacts of climate change on agro-ecology and document traditional knowledge.
- Develop strategies for climate-resilient farming and conservation of traditional crops (millets, pseudo-cereals, etc.).
- Strengthen farmers’ cooperatives, seed banks, and market linkages for traditional crops.

#### Expected Outcomes

- Capacity building and skill enhancement of farmers.
- Increased awareness of the nutritional and economic value of traditional crops.
- Improved production, seed certification, and marketing.
- Formation of community-based organizations and value-added agribusiness.

#### Major Activities

- Community Mobilization and Social Dynamics (3 years)
- Documentation of Agro-Ecology and Crop Viability (2.5 years)
- Capacity Building of Farmers and Introduction of Sustainable Practices
- Seed Bank Establishment, Post-Harvest Processing, and Marketing
- Documentation and Action Research

#### Focus Areas

The project aims to develop a roadmap for climate-resilient agro-ecosystems and market linkages for traditional crops in Himalayan border villages. It supports India’s goal of becoming a hub for millet and pseudo-cereal production, contributing to SDGs 2, 3, and 13 (Zero Hunger, Good Health, and Climate Action).

#### Project Partners

- Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology (UCOST)
- Governments of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and Sikkim

## Key Activities Conducted

- Participatory Rural Appraisals (PRAs) held in pilot sites across Spiti, Niti, and Dzungu valleys.
- Training on Biodynamic and Organic Farming (March 20–21, 2025, Nainital).
- Field visits and focus group discussions for data collection and community engagement.
- Review Visit (March 2025): Dr. G.S. Rawat and Senior IMI members visited Dzungu Valley to assess project progress.



## 4. IMI Activities (2024-25)

### 4.1 Himachal’s new roadmap: Samridh Himachal 2045’ Vision exercise at MSHIPA

SAMRIDH Himachal-2045 colloquium series was held from 22-24 March 2025 with a focus on sustainable, inclusive and democratic growth amid rising challenges. This unique event brought together stakeholders from diverse backgrounds to brainstorm on a 20-year sustainable economic vision for the State.

Key attendees included the Hon’ble Chief Minister Sh. Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu in an online session with Sh. Sam Pitroda, Sh. Salman Khurshid and Hon’ble Deputy CM Sh. Mukesh Agnihotri, along with leaders representing industry, civil society and bureaucracy. Shri P.D. Rai, former president, IMI and Shri Ramesh Negi, president, IMI represented IMI on the forum.

Shri P.D. Rai shared a thought provoking perspective on the first panel, raising concerns over the atrophy of institutions” in India and globally. He stressed that there’s an urgent need to rebuild our institutions with stronger political will and vision.

Mr. Ramesh Negi, President, IMI reminded the gathering that Section 118 is not just a law - it’s Himachal’s protective shield. This act created local entrepreneurs, be it apple growers or small hoteliers from Kinnaur to Pangi. It kept speculative money out and gave locals a fair chance. Besides, he spoke about policy protection to Himachal land, water resources and community control.

In his closing remarks, the Chief Secretary Sh. Prabodh Saxena indicated to take the initiative forward toward its final aim of preparing a comprehensive 20 year Vision Document for the State.



## 4.2 IMI reaffirms commitment to Himalayan development in meeting with NITI Ayog

In a meeting held on March 21st, an IMI delegation consisting of Vice President Mr. Jigmet Takpa, Secretary Mr. Roshan Rai and Governing Council Dr. Rajan Kotru met with NITI Ayog member Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Adviser Surender Mehra, Director Amit Malik and Senior NITI Ayog Officers. The meeting discussed IMI's significant contributions to the NITI Ayog Report “Vision 2035 of IHR” and its ongoing commitment to the sustainable future for the Himalayas.

IMI members reiterated that the goal of achieving “Vikshit Bharat” 2047” is intrinsically linked to developing a “Vikshit Himalaya”. The meeting explored multiple thematic areas, especially water security and springs; water based disasters and plastic pollution; and extended producer responsibility and the need for localised data to focus on the sustainable development of the Himalaya. Dr. V.K. Saraswat, informed the representatives that IMI would be included in discussions around data gaps in the Himalaya with immediate effect.

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**GANGTOK, March 23:** In a meeting held on March 21, an IMI delegation consisting of vice president Jigmet Takpa, secretary Roshan Rai and Governing Council member Dr. Rajan Kotru met with NITI Aayog member Dr. V.K. Saraswat, advisor Surender Mehra, director Amit Malik and senior NITI Aayog officers and discussed on IMI's significant contributions to the NITI Aayog Report “Vision 2035 of IHR” and its ongoing commitment to a sustainable future for the Himalayas.

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dialogue of India. IMI members reiterated that the goal of achieving a “Vikshit Bharat 2047” is intrinsically linked to developing a “Viksit Himalaya.” The meeting explored multiple thematic areas to focus on the sustainable development of the Himalayan region, where IMI could significantly contribute, including: (a) address the issue of data gaps in the Himalaya, (b) disaster risk reduction and resilience building through a river basin approach, (c) water resources of the Himalaya including glaciers and mountain springs and their long term management, (d) thematic areas of sustainable tourism, agroecology and waste management in the mountains with integration of a working EPR

framework, (e) establishment and management of the Himalayan Data Centre, (f) formation of a Himalayan State Regional Council and (g) strategies to secure the Himalayas through a dedicated Himalayan Authority.

A press release informs that the IMI members emphasized that the brainstorming session not only reinforced existing collaborations but also paved the way for IMI's potential co-optation as members of various NITI Aayog working groups. Further, discussions included plans to undertake comprehensive sub-regional studies as part of the broader vision for “Viksit Bharat 2047.”

The dialogue also underscored the importance of establishing a Himalayan Development Authority to



oversee development activities and ensure adherence to legal compliances across the Indian Himalayas. IMI said they look forward to continued collaboration with NITI Aayog as both institutions work together to transform regional challenges into opportunities for sustainable growth and resilience in the Himalayan region.

## 4.3 Parvat Manthan- highlighting issues of the Himalaya. New Delhi 3, 4 Dec 2024

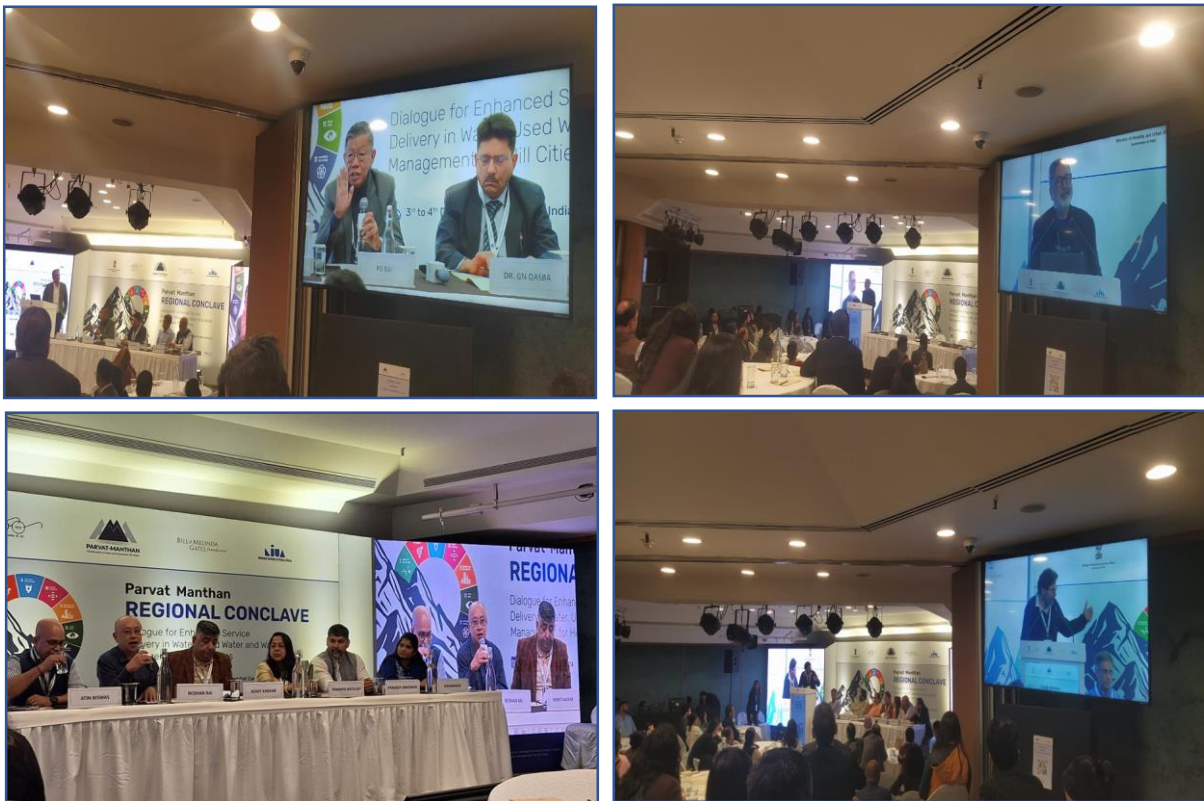
*Parvat Manthan* brought together delegates from Bhutan, India, and Nepal at the India Habitat Centre for a dialogue on water, used water, and waste management in Himalayan hill cities. Organized by NIUA, IMI, ICIMOD, and BORDA. The event focused on equitable sanitation, decentralized waste management, and sustainable mountain development.

### Key Highlights:

- Mr. P.D. Rai (IMI) emphasized growing water security challenges in Himalayan cities like Gangtok, calling for urgent policy action.

- Mr. Ramesh Negi (IMI) underscored the need to value Himalayan ecosystems and engage local academic institutions in policy processes.
- Speakers from World Bank, UN-Habitat, and Janagrah highlighted the importance of real-time data, financial devolution to ULBs, and global-local collaboration.
- Community models such as Nepal’s “*Carry Me Back*” initiative showcased innovative waste management in mountain tourism zones.
- Experts from CSE and Roshan Rai, IMI stressed that waste is a *production and design issue*, not just an end-of-life problem, urging stronger Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) enforcement with mountain-specific targets.

The event also saw the release of “*Untold Stories from the Himalaya: 20 Solutions for Water and Waste Management*” and an exhibition of innovative technologies. The concluding session reaffirmed the need for mountain-sensitive technologies, stronger science-policy linkages, and recognition of the Himalaya’s ecological contributions to national well-being.



#### 4.4 The Himalayan Cleanup 2024

The Himalayan Cleanup (THC) campaign, an annual event of Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI) and Zero Waste Himalaya (ZWH) kicked off on May 25 and went on till June 5 across the Indian Himalayan states with multiple clean ups taking place on the first day. The clean up consists of a waste and brand audit in which participants segregate the trash to understand what is in the trash and the different types of plastic waste and to name the top polluting brands. THC is the biggest movement against plastic pollution in the mountains.



The waste audit informs waste managers for an improved waste management system. The brand audit demands plastic polluters to be responsible for their plastic packaging and products and for stringent implementation of extended producer responsibility in the mountains which is not happening.

The Himalayan Cleanup is taken forward with the theme of reflecting on your waste footprint while getting one's hands dirty and cleaning up an important site. The reflection enables participants to switch to a sustainable lifestyle that reduces one's waste and the amount that is sent to the landfill. The participants started the cleanup with a pledge to take the movement in their lives and also demand for better products and systems.

The results of The Himalayan Cleanup was revealed on the occasion of Zero Waste Himalaya Day, on August 8, 2024 at webinar and the Plastic Freedom Challenge 2024 was also launched. On 12 August at Janta Bhavan, Gangtok Sikkim with Gangtok Municipality, Darjeeling Municipality in partnership with Swachh Bharat Mission, Sikkim THC 2024 results were deep-dived and a way forward explored.

PepsiCo India, CG Foods, Parle, Coca Cola India and ITC were revealed as the top five polluters of the Indian Himalayan Region for 2024. This year, more than 15000 volunteers participated in the campaign cleaning up more than 350 sites, and auditing waste in over 150 sites to raise their voices against these plastic polluting companies. Sikkim and Darjeeling Himalaya had the highest number of cleanups conducted.



THC 2024 findings highlighted that 121739 pieces of waste were picked up by volunteers, of which 106857 was plastic (87.7%). Only 24.8% of plastic waste collected was recyclable, while the rest were all non-recyclable plastics. The mountains are struggling with collecting and linking recyclable plastics for processing and then to top it all, these multilayered plastics add more challenges as they have no solutions and value for collection. Food packaging was consistently the highest trashed item at 84.2 % of all plastics, which indicated the high consumption of junk processed food.

22% of all beverage bottles collected was of the energy drink Sting, which had very high consumption among students, though it was not labelled as not recommended for children. The food and waste intersection was highlighted as very concerning for mountain communities, as mounting evidence showed the junk processed food to be the leading cause of non-communicable diseases.

Along with the top 5 polluters, Perfetti Van Melle, Hindustan Nestle, Mondelez India, GCMMF (Amul), Tej Ram Dharam Pal, Trimurti Fragrances, Parle Products, Dharampal Satyapal (DS) Group, Hindustan Unilever, Haldiram's Snacks, Surya Nepal, Dabur India, AAECG-Surya Nepal, Britannia Industries, Ventures were found in the top 20 companies polluting the Indian Himalayan Region from the Himalayan Cleanup 2024.



#### 4.5 President IMI on News 9

Mr. Ramesh Negi joined Air Marshal GP Sharma on News 9 and the editor to discuss issues of climate change. They discussed “Climate change is real and here - what needs to be done to stop or slow it down?” Unprecedented rainfall, such as the ones in Mumbai, had flooded roads and railway tracks, disrupting flights and local train services forcing schools and colleges to shut. They also discussed that there was a rise in disasters globally as well mentioning disasters in Brazil, Switzerland and northern Italy. Such events are unfolding across the country and the world with increased frequency and are severely impacting the Himalaya.

#### 4.6 President, IMI at ICIMOD's event, Kathmandu

Mr Ramesh Negi participated as a panellist in ICIMOD’s "Scoping assessment on sustainable mountain settlements in the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) region". The scoping assessment on sustainable mountain settlements in the HKH region is an effort to improve the resilience and sustainability of human settlements in the region. The regional workshop aimed to disseminate and validate the findings of the scoping assessment by bringing together relevant stakeholders from the HKH countries such as government officials, researchers, scientists, urban planners, and policy think tanks.



## 5. Meetings and Strategic Discussions

### 5.1 Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body meeting was held online on 29th September 2024 via Zoom platform. The meeting was chaired by Shri Ramesh Negi, President, IMI and attended by nineteen IMI members. The secretary said that while the AGM is a statutory kind of a function, it gives us an opportunity to look back at the year that was and our vision for the future. He mentioned about last year’s tragedies in Sikkim and Himachal and at the same time, there was general election and some parties has mentioned about Himalayas and the climate change in their manifestos, also some budget allocated for monitoring of glacier lakes and also scheme known as Vipad-mitra was there. Mr. Roshan Rai presented the action taken report of 10th 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.



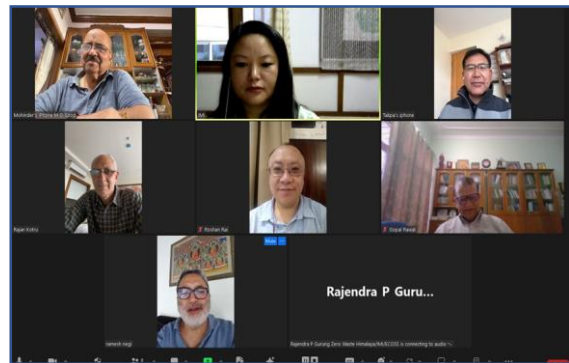
### 5.2 Governing Council Meetings

**The 37<sup>th</sup> Governing Council meeting** was held online on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024. All GC members were in attendance with the exception of Dr. Rajan Kotru, Mr. Rigzin Spalbar, Prof John Zothanzama and Ms. Thingreiphi Lungharwo. The meeting was chaired by Shri Ramesh Negi, President, IMI and Mr. Roshan Rai, Secretary, IMI presented the Action taken report of the 37th GC meeting. The main agenda of the meeting was Fundraising for IMI and role of members and state chapters (brainstorm session) and IMI Membership. The action outcome of the meeting were Dr. Rawat to involve Dr. Kotru and Dr. Eklabya for developing content for UCOST conference, SDFU to prepare a project to submit to Mrs Ritu Khanduri, Hon’ble Speaker, A short note on MoU with DCCC and JNU by Mr. Roshan Rai, IMI state chapters to recommend new names for the IMI members. Mr. Takpa to follow up with MoEFCC for the Agro ecology project and need to complete the MoMS report.

**The 38<sup>th</sup> Governing Council meeting** was held online on 20th August 2024. All GC members were in attendance with the exception of Dr. Rajan Kotru, Mr. Rigzin Spalbar, Prof John Zothanzama and Ms. Thingreiphi Lungharwo. The meeting was chaired by Shri Ramesh Negi, President, IMI and Mr. Roshan Rai, secretary, IMI presented the Action taken report of the 37th GC meeting. The main agenda of the meeting was Admission of new members from Tripura, Admission of Mr. STS Lepcha as member and one member from Manipur, Follow up of Meet of the Mountain States 2024 and The Himalayan Cleanup 2024 and Resignation by Ms Fantry Mein Jaswal from VP and GC of IMI. The action items were Implementation of NMHS project in three state i.e. Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim, implementation of ICIMOD project after signing TOR, admission of Mr. STS Lepcha of Uttarakhand and Dr. Debashis Chakraborty of Tripura as IMI members accepted. The resignation of Mrs. Fantry Mein Jaswal will be discussed in the next meeting. Printing and sharing of THC reports would be taken forward with funds of Zero Waste Himalaya. For the MoMS report, UCOST funds may be released soon and should be utilised for it.

**The 39<sup>th</sup> Governing Council meeting** was held online on 29th November 2024 via Zoom platform. All GC members were in attendance with the exception of Dr. Rajan Kotru, Mr. Rigzin Spalbar and Ms. Thingreiphi Lungharwa. The action taken report of the 38<sup>th</sup> GC meeting was presented by Mr. Roshan Rai, Secretary, IMI. The main agenda of the meeting were Parvat Manthan Event of NIUA, Admission of new members from Arunachal Pradesh, One-day State Level Consultation Workshop at Dehradun in December. Members have approved IMI membership of Ms. Sadhana Deori of Arunachal Pradesh. Also planning for regional conferences, in Himachal Pradesh or Leh on Tourism related issues and another in Arunachal Pradesh or Sikkim on disaster was discussed.

**The 40<sup>th</sup> Governing Council** was conducted virtually on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025. All GC members were in attendance with the exception of Dr. M.P.Sood, Prof John Zothanzama, Ms Thingreiphi Lungharwo and Rigzin Spalbar, who were absent. Mr. Ramesh Negi welcomed all the members of IMI who joined the meeting. The meeting was about reactivating and strengthening IMI and the State Chapters. It was



decided that committees needed to be formed and official appointments resolved in the meeting i.e., the Committee for Parliamentary Networking includes Mr. P.D. Rai, Mr. Alemtemshi Jamir, and Mr. Jigmet Takpa. The Committee for Mountain Sensitive Media comprises Mrs. Bharti Ramola, Mr. Ramesh Negi, and Mr. Amba Jamir. The Committee on Development of Projects for DONER and NEC includes Dr. Rajan Kotru, Dr. Vincent Darlong, Dr. Debashis Chakraborty, and Dr. Satyadeep Chhetri. The Committee on Sourcing CSR Funds consists of Sh. Sushil Ramola, Sh. P.D. Rai, and Ms. Binita Shah. Besides, a workshop or conference at Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh or Sikkim regarding climate change issues which can be part of the Agroecology project to be designed.

## Annexure 1: Audit Report (2024-25)

	602, Orchid Green Apartment,	 <p><b>ADROIT &amp; CO</b> Chartered Accountants (Formerly known as Tarun Nand &amp; Company)</p>
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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, which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025, the statement of Income & Expenditure A/c for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory informations. (PAN No.: AAAAI7852F)

#### 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 :

- A 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.
- B In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept at the office, so far as appears from our examination of the books.
- C 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 :-
  - (i) In the case of the balance sheet, of the state of the affairs as 31st March, 2025, and
  - (ii) In the case of Income & Expenditure A/c for the year ended on that date.

Dated : 30-09-2025



For ADROIT & CO  
Chartered Accountants



(CA. Tarun Agarwal)  
Partner

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**Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI)**  
315/274, 2nd Floor, Westend Marg, M.B. Road Saidul Ajab, New Delhi

**Balance Sheet**

As at 31st March 2025

PARTICULARS	Note No.	As at 31st March 2025	As at 31st March 2024
		(in Rs.)	(in Rs.)
<b>Capital Account</b>			
Corpus Fund	1	16,60,838.46	16,57,580.56
Lifetime Membership Fund		4,50,000.00	4,40,000.00
Fixed Asset Capital Fund		25,440.84	28,849.60
Dr.R.S Tolia Memorial Award Fund		10,43,776.00	10,43,776.00
<b>Other Liabilities</b>			
Sundry Creditors	2	-	7,11,947.51
Audit & Taxation Fees Payable	3	(486.51)	5,782.49
Unutilized / Earmarked Grant Fund	4	39,76,918.76	9,157.40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>71,56,487.55</b>	<b>38,97,093.56</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
As per details	5	25,440.84	28,849.60
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6	37,60,862.71	4,98,059.96
Loan & Advances	7	70,184.00	70,184.00
Advances recoverable in Cash or Kind			
Investments	8	33,00,000.00	33,00,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>71,56,487.55</b>	<b>38,97,093.56</b>

Significant accounting policies and notes to accounts

On behalf of the Board Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI)

President  
  


Treasurer  
  


Dated : 30-09-2025



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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 2024-2025			
		As at 31st March 2024	Dr.	Cr.	As at 31st March 2025
<b>1</b>	<b>Corpus Fund</b>				
1	Corpus Fund	16,57,580.56	465.10	3,723.00	16,60,838.46
2	Dr.R Stolia Memorial Award Fund	10,43,776.00			10,43,776.00
3	Membership Fees	4,40,000.00	10,000.00	-	4,50,000.00
4	Fixed Asset Capital Fund	28,849.60	3,408.76	-	25,440.84
Membersh	<b>Total</b>	<b>31,70,206.16</b>	<b>13,873.86</b>	<b>3,723.00</b>	<b>31,80,055.30</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Sundry Creditors</b>				
	1. MK Tour & Travels	7,04,234.61	7,27,601.61	23,367.00	-
	2. Mohinder Pal Sood	3,749.90	3,750.00	0.10	-
	3. Rajendra Prasad Gurung	3,963.00	3,963.00		-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,11,947.51</b>	<b>7,35,314.61</b>	<b>23,367.10</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Audit &amp; Taxation Fees Payable</b>				
1	Balance Sheet Audit Fees Payable	-			-
2	ITR filing & Tax Audit Fees Payable	-			-
3	TDS Payable-Consultancy	5,817.00	81,265.00	75,565.00	117.00
4	TDS Payable-194C	(34.51)	1,486.00	917.00	(603.51)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,782.49</b>	<b>82,751.00</b>	<b>76,482.00</b>	<b>(486.51)</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Unutilized / Earmarked Grant Fund</b>	As per separate sheet attached (Refer to Note-4)			
<b>5</b>	<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
1	Office Chairs	5,543.60		554.36	4,989.24
2	Colour Printer	10,476.00		1,571.40	8,904.60
3	Office Table	12,830.00		1,283.00	11,547.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28,849.60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,408.76</b>	<b>25,440.84</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>				
1	Cash In Hand	-			-
2	ICICI Bank 135701000837	4,98,059.96	18,17,574.00	20,80,675.57	2,34,958.39
3	BOB Bank - 06230100012217		54,63,802.00	19,37,897.68	35,25,904.32
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,98,059.96</b>	<b>72,81,376.00</b>	<b>40,18,573.25</b>	<b>37,60,862.71</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Loans &amp; Advances (Asset)</b>				
1	German Development Cooperation(GIZ Office)	47,405.00			47,405.00
2	MIMDI	22,779.00			22,779.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>70,184.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,184.00</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Investments</b>				
1	MF ICICI_PRU_MF	15,00,000.00			15,00,000.00
2	MF HDFC_MF	18,00,000.00			18,00,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>33,00,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,00,000.00</b>




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**Consolidated Income & Expenditure Account**

For the period from 01-April-2024 to 31-March-2025 (2024-25)

PARTICULARS	Note No.	As at 31st March 2025	
		(in Rs.)	
<b>A Incomes :</b>			
1 NMHS Agro-Ecology Project		54,24,121.00	
2 International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development		8,88,850.00	
3 Sustainable Development Forum Uttaranchal (SDFU)		1,50,000.00	
4 Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology		1,60,000.00	
<b>Bank Interest &amp; Others</b>			
NMHS Agro-Ecology Project		39,681.00	66,62,652.00
<b>Total = (A)</b>	<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>	<b>66,62,652.00</b>	<b>66,62,652.00</b>
<b>B Expenditures :</b>			
1 NMHS Agro-Ecology Project		19,37,897.68	
2 International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development		5,92,664.27	
3 Sustainable Development Forum Uttaranchal (SDFU)		1,12,976.69	
4 Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology		51,352.00	
<b>Total = (B)</b>	<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>	<b>26,94,890.64</b>	<b>26,94,890.64</b>
<b>C Excess of Expenditure over Income = (A - B)</b>		<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>	<b>39,67,761.36</b>

On behalf of the Board Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI)

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**Unutilized / Earmarked Grant Fund**

	Particulars	As at 31st March 2024	Grant received	Bank Intt. & Others	TOTAL	Fund Utilized	As at 31st March 2025
1	NMHS Agro-Ecology Project	-	54,24,121.00	39,681.00	<b>54,63,802.00</b>	19,37,897.68	35,25,904.32
2	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development	-	8,88,850.00	-	<b>8,88,850.00</b>	5,92,664.27	2,96,185.73
3	Sustainable Development Forum Uttarakhand (SDFU)	-	1,50,000.00		<b>1,50,000.00</b>	1,12,976.69	37,023.31
4	Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology	-	1,60,000.00		<b>1,60,000.00</b>	51,352.00	1,08,648.00
5	The Nature Conservancy and Himalayan Cleanup	9,157.40	-		<b>9,157.40</b>	-	9,157.40
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9,157.40</b>	<b>66,22,971.00</b>	<b>39,681.00</b>	<b>66,71,809.40</b>	<b>26,94,890.64</b>	<b>39,76,918.76</b>





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**Notes of Accounts and Significant Accounting Policies**

**As at 31st March 2025**

- 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 : 30-09-2025

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## **Annexure 2: Governing Council & Staff**

### **Governing Council**

#### **Ramesh Negi, President**

**Ramesh Negi** is a retired IAS officer (1984 batch, AGMUT cadre) with extensive administrative experience across Delhi, Goa, and Arunachal Pradesh. In Delhi, he held key roles including Additional Commissioner (MCD), MD (Delhi Tourism), Chairman (DTC), CEO (Delhi Jal Board), and Principal Secretary (Urban Development), implementing major reforms in urban services, waste management, and water conservation.

He also served as Finance Secretary and Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh, focusing on infrastructure and heritage conservation. He has chaired the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights and currently leads the Supreme Court Monitoring Committee on the Homeless in Delhi.

#### **Fantry Mein Jaswal, Vice President**

**Fantry Mein Jaswal** joined the Indian Revenue Service in 1976, becoming the first woman from Arunachal Pradesh in civil services. Over a 35-year career, she held key positions and received the President's Award for Meritorious Service (2003), retiring as Chief Commissioner in 2011.

She served as Chairperson of the 2nd Arunachal Pradesh State Finance Commission and has been actively involved with the Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI) as Treasurer, Secretary, and Founding Member. She also founded and continues to chair the Sustainable Development Forum of Arunachal Pradesh (SDFFA).

#### **Jigmet Takpa, Vice President**

**Jigmet Takpa** is a retired Indian Forest Service (1990 batch) officer, former PCCF of Ladakh and Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), J&K. He has served as Project Director, Ladakh Renewable Energy Development Agency, Joint Secretary, MoEFCC, and India's National Focal Point for UNCCD, IUCN, ICIMOD, GEF, and UNEP.

He has expertise in Himalayan biodiversity conservation, natural resource management, groundwater regulation, and livelihood improvement, and has represented India in G7 and G20 international forums.



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### **Roshan Patrick Rai, Secretary**

**Roshan Patrick Rai**, Secretary of IMI, is a development practitioner with DLR Prerna, Darjeeling, working on environment and social equity in the Darjeeling Himalaya. He focuses on local food systems, water, and climate change with small farmers, and promotes sustainable waste management through initiatives like Zero Waste Himalaya and the Plastic Freedom Challenge. His work bridges community action and policy engagement across the Darjeeling and Sikkim Himalaya.

### **Binita Shah, Treasurer**

**Binita Shah**, Treasurer of IMI, is an organic and biodynamic farmer, social entrepreneur, and agriculture development professional. She is the CEO and Founder of SARG Vikas Samiti, supporting 50,000 farmers across four Indian states. She also works as an international consultant for organic food exporters and serves as Secretary of the Sustainable Development Forum, Uttarakhand.

### **Dr. Gopal Singh Rawat, Councillor**

**Dr. Gopal Singh Rawat** is a former Senior Professor and Dean at the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, with over 40 years of research in Himalayan ecology, flora, and natural resource management. A Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India and recipient of the T.N. Khoshoo Memorial Award, he has authored 300+ publications and served as Chief Scientist at ICIMOD, Kathmandu.

He has contributed to national and international expert bodies, including IUCN, IPBES, and the Planning Commission's Task Force on Mountain Ecosystems, and currently serves on the Planning Board of Ladakh, Uttarakhand Wildlife Board, and the MoEFCC Expert Committee on Invasive Alien Species.

### **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.



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### **Ms. Thingreiphi Lungharwo, Councillor**

**Ms. Thingreiphi Lungharwo** is the Executive Secretary of the Mountain Indigenous Knowledge Center, Project Supervisor of the Naga Women's Union, and Nodal Person of the Manipur Forum for Sustainable Mountain Development. She has extensive experience working on environment, indigenous rights, traditional knowledge, and community resilience, with a focus on livelihoods, food security, biodiversity, and gender.

A recipient of the Global Indigenous Peoples Fellowship for Biodiversity (GEF/UNDP), she has coordinated regional and global networks on biodiversity and traditional knowledge, including with the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (Thailand) and NERCORMP/IFAD in Northeast India.

### **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 international expert in sustainable mountain development with over 35 years of experience across South Asia, Europe, India, and the USA. A PhD in Forestry Sciences from Ludwig Maximilians University, Germany, he has led major initiatives on ecosystem restoration, climate resilience, and rural development in the Alps and Himalayas.

He has contributed to global platforms such as NITI Aayog, FAO, IUFRO, and the Global Landscapes Forum, and pioneered the first community-level Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) in the Indian Himalayas. A strong advocate for youth engagement and climate action, he continues to advance sustainable and inclusive mountain solutions worldwide.

### **Rigzin Spalbar, Councillor**

**Rigzin Spalbar** served as Chief Executive Councillor of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, leading the Council from 2010 to 2015. A prominent political and community leader, he has been active in Ladakh's public life for over three decades, previously serving as Executive Councillor (Education) and Councillor across multiple LAHDC terms.



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He earlier held key roles in the Ladakh Buddhist Association and the Leh District Congress Committee, and currently serves as National General Secretary of the Bhartiya Federation of Smaller States. He is also a founding member of the Sustainable Development Forum Ladakh (IMI's state chapter).

## **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.

### Annexure 3: Membership List (31<sup>st</sup> March 2025)

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 Mihi	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	Ms. Sadhna Deori, IAS	Secretary to HCM	Government of Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh
9	Professor Dr. Mandeep Sharma	Professor and Head	College of Veterinary Sciences, HP Agricultural University	Himachal Pradesh
10	Mohinder Pal Sood	IAS Retd	Ex Commissioner MC Shimla & Secretary HPSEBL	Himachal Pradesh
11	Rajender Prasad Tewari	Under Secretary to the Govt. of India		Himachal Pradesh
12	Dr. Tej Partap	IMI Founding Member & Vice Chancellor	Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology	Himachal Pradesh
13	Satya Prakash Thakur	Former Elected Chairman of Bhutti Weavers Cooperative Kullu HP		Himachal Pradesh
14	Atul Khosla	President and Pro Vice Chancellor	Shoolini University	Himachal Pradesh
15	Prashant Varma	Director	Deer Park Institute (Siddharthas Intent India)	Himachal Pradesh



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

35	Amba Jamir	IMI Founding Member & Development Consultant	Sustainable Development Forum Nagaland (SDFN)	Nagaland
36	Akali Sema	Govt. Service		Nagaland
37	Amba Jamir	Executive Director	Sustainable Development Forum Nagaland	Nagaland
38	Rajeev Dar	Consultant		NCR
39	Bhawana Luthra	Executive Director	LEAD India	NCR
40	Sushil Ramola	Founding Member	IMI	NCR
41	Ramesh Negi	IMI Council Member	IMI	NCR
42	Naresh Kumar Pande	Journalist		NCR
43	Dr VK Bahuguna	Rtd. Civil Servant		NCR
44	Bharti Gupta Ramola	Self-employed; previously Markets Leader, PwC India		NCR
45	Rajnish Karki	Management Consultant		NCR
46	Priyadarshinee Shrestha	IMI Council Member	IMI	Sikkim
47	P.D. Rai	Founding Member & IMI Council Member	IMI	Sikkim
48	Rajendra Prasad Gurung	IMI Founding member & CEO	ECOSS	Sikkim
49	Rajendra Prasad Gurung, ECOSS	ECOSS	ECOSS	Sikkim
50	Dr. Satyadeep Singh Chhetri	Assistant Professor	Sikkim Govt. College	Sikkim
51	Karma Bhutia	Entrepreneur		Sikkim
52	Binita Chamling	Director (Organic Sikkim)	Organic Sikkim	Sikkim
53	Dr. Sarala Khaling	Regional Director	Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE)	Sikkim
54	Dr. Rakesh Kumar Ranjan	Department of Geology	Sikkim University	Sikkim

55	Dr. Debashis Chakraborty, IFS(Retd)	President	Development Initiative for Sustainable Advancement (DISA)	Tripura
56	H THERESA DARLONG	Assistant Professor	Agartala Women's College	Tripura
57	Dr Thiru Selvan	Assistant Professor	Tripura University	Tripura
58	Atanu Saha	Govt. Service		Tripura
59	Achintya Kumar Sinha	Freelance Consultant, Forestry & allied areas	Development Initiative for Sustainable Advancement	Tripura
60	Dr Rajendra Dobhal	IMI Council Member	Integrated Mountain Initiative	Uttarakhand
61	Dr. Gopal Singh Rawat	IMI Council Member	Integrated Mountain Initiative	Uttarakhand
62	Shri STS Lepcha, IFS(Retd)	President	SDFU	Uttarakhand
63	Mahendra Singh Kunwar	Chief Functionary	Himalayan Action Research Centre(HARC), Dehradun	Uttarakhand
	Dr.Bhagwati Prasad Maithani	Academic & Activist		Uttarakhand
64	Krishan Singh Rautela	Development Professional	Asian Development Bank	Uttarakhand
65	Girish Chandra Singh Negi	Scientist	Govind Ballabh Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment	Uttarakhand
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68	Praful Rao	Founder & Chairman	Save The Hills	West Bengal
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## Annexure 4: Our Partners and Supporters



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