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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.

1.1 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.

1.2 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
- Ecotourism & Conservation Society of Sikkim (ECOSS)
- 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

1.3 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.

List of 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)

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
SMDS XII (2025), Dehradun, Uttarakhand	Changing Agro-Ecological Landscape & Disasters in Himalaya: Resilience Building and Policy Imperatives for Viksit Bharat

The summits have been characterised by diverse discussions, debates and exchanges and have produced specific policy briefings and recommendations. The summits represent 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.

The thematic focus of previous MoMS:

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

2023: Plastic Waste Management in the Himalaya- Pathways for EPR implementation

Agro-ecology in Indian Himalayas: Resurgence with Millets.

2020: Building an entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Indian Himalayan Region

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

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

2.3 Legislators' Meet (MLM)

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

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

3.IMI Projects (2025-26)

3.1 Ongoing Projects

3.1.1 NMHS Project

The Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI) is implementing the project titled "Agro-Ecology in Border Villages of the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR)". The project is advised by Dr. G.S. Rawat, with Ms. Binita Shah as Principal Investigator, and Dr. Rajan Kumar Kotru (Co-PI, Himachal Pradesh) and Shri R.P. Gurung (Co-PI, Sikkim).

The project covers three border regions i.e., Spiti Valley (Himachal Pradesh), Niti Valley (Uttarakhand), and Dzongu Valley (Sikkim), comprising villages identified as Vibrant Villages by the Government of India. It seeks to develop traditional and threatened Himalayan agro-ecological systems and transform them into viable livelihood opportunities. The Project partners are Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology (UCOST) and Governments of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and Sikkim.

Objectives

1. To assess the impacts of recent climate change on agroecology and farming practices in the border district of Indian Himalayan Region and document the traditional knowledge and good practices pertaining to conservation of traditional crop varieties in the project (pilot) village clusters.
2. To evolve strategies for climate-resilient farming and conservation of unique geographical indicators, especially millets and pseudo-cereals, and other such land races.
3. To develop farmers' cooperatives, and agribusiness based on traditional crops for enhancing livelihoods in the pilot villages and establish seed banks for the traditional crops and market linkages.

Key Activities Conducted

- Participatory Rural Appraisal Held in Project Sites

A series of Participatory Rural Appraisals (PRA) was conducted across the identified border villages of the project from April to October 2025. The timing of the PRA activities was aligned with the local agricultural calendar, particularly in Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, and Niti Valley, Uttarakhand, where the cropping season generally extends from April to October. This period provided an appropriate opportunity to engage with farming communities and document seasonal agricultural practices, traditional knowledge, livelihood activities, and challenges associated with farming and natural resource uses.

- Baseline surveys

Agrodiversity, crop pattern, climatic data and soil data were collected and analysed across the project sites. Climate change impact and agroecological baseline surveys completed in the border villages (10 in Spiti valley, 5 in Niti valley, and 9 in Dzongu) across 3 states.

- Training Programmes

Researchers organised and attended various training and capacity-building programmes focused on Farmer Producer Company (FPC) and farmer cooperative development, community seed bank formation, GI registration, and organic farming. Awareness sessions and practical demonstrations on sustainable and organic farming practices were conducted with farmers in Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh, and Dzongu, Sikkim, focusing on soil health, sustainable input use, traditional crop conservation, and improved farming practices.

- Field visit and focus group discussion

The project team conducted field visits and focus group discussions across the pilot sites to understand the socio-economic conditions, farming practices, livelihood strategies, resource use, and key challenges faced by farming communities. The assessment covered 227 households across 20 villages in Spiti (Himachal Pradesh), Niti Valley (Uttarakhand), and Dzongu (Sikkim), providing a comparative understanding of agroecological and livelihood conditions across the three regions. These findings provide an evidence base for designing and implementing targeted project interventions.

Key highlights

- A farmer cooperative has been formally established in Niti Valley, namely "**नननन ननननन ननननन ननननननननन ननननननननन**" (Block–Jyotirmath, District–Chamoli, Uttarakhand), and the registration of farmers for organic certification has been initiated under this cooperative.
- A Farmer Producer Company (FPO), Kunzam La Farmers Producer Company Limited, under the Companies Act, 2013, has been officially registered at Kaza, Spiti (Himachal Pradesh).
- Formation of a farmer cooperative is currently under process in Dzongu, Sikkim.
- Initial market linkages for selected crop species products were developed with participation in 2 fairs (Gauchar Kauthig and Maha Kauthig at Gautam Budh Nagar, UP).
- Participation in the Gauchar Mela, Chamoli (14–20 November 2025) contributed to the project's objectives of enhancing livelihoods through traditional crops, value addition, market development, and strengthening community-based institutions. The project used the Mela as a practical market-outreach and exposure platform to introduce traditional and value-added products from the Niti Valley to consumers beyond the project villages.
- Participation in the Tribal Artisan Empanelment Mela (TAeM) organized by TRIFED on 26th February 2026 at Bhimtal, Chamoli, Uttarakhand which provided a valuable platform to introduce and showcase our products, including Naked Barley Flour, Buckwheat and Himalayan Allium, while supporting and promoting tribal artisans.

- Initial identificationoftargetvillagesandindigenousseedvarietieshasbeencarriedoutthe establishment of Community Seed Bank in Niti (Uttarakhand), Spiti (Himachal Pradesh), and Dzongu (Sikkim)throughcompletionofbaselineassessmentandpreliminarygroundworkfor seed bank establishment.

- Branding andpackagingworkwereinitiatedforsixselected GIcropproductswithexpert consultancy supportandGIfilingdocumentationforJambu/Farn(Alliumprzewalskianum) completed. GIfilingforRedPaddy(Oryzasativa)fromDzongu,Sikkimisunderprocess.

● A comprehensivemanualonBuckwheat(Fagopyrumtataricum),documentingitscultivation practices, agronomicmanagement,andutilizationforfarmerandstakeholderreference along with oneresearcharticleentitled“IndigenousSeedConservationPracticesinthe Trans-Himalaya: Lessons from Spiti Valley” published in Himalayan Ecology (EIACP Bulletin).

● CommunitySeedBank:TheCommunitySeedBankinitiativewasadvancedthroughasix-month expertconsultancy,withbaselineassessments,villageandindigenousseed identification, and community mobilisation completed across Niti, Spiti and Dzongu. Traditional seedconservationpracticesweredocumentedinSpiti,whileseedbank establishment was initiated in Dzongu with ECOSS support, with 1,000 kg of quality seeds stored and farmerconsultationsheldinLosaronestablishingacommunityseedbankand producer company.

● GI Tag: As partofmarketlinkagedevelopment,brandingandpackagingworkwereinitiated for six selectedGIcropproductswithexpertconsultancysupport.DuringOct-Dec2025 quarter, a newlyidentifiedGIcropfromNitiValley(Alliumprzewalskianum;Jambu/Faran) was selectedforexpansionbasedonitspotentialforclimateresilienceandlocalimportance, and the GI registrationdocumentationwasprepared.TheGIfilingdocumentationforAllium przewalskianum (Jambu/Faran) was completed up to the submission.

Also, organizedanexposurevisittoUCOSTDehradunonGeographicalIndicationtaggingwith scientists andfarmersfromNepalandBhutan.Oneadditionalcrop,RedPaddy(Oryzasativa) from Dzongu,Sikkim,identifiedandselectedforGIregistration,withcollectionand compilation of baseline data, traditional knowledge, and geographical attributes in progress. 60–70% ofGIapplicationdocumentationcompleted.Coordinationinitiatedwithrelevant agencies (DSTSikkim)forfurtherprocessingofGIapplication.

● Knowledgeproducts:PreparedacomprehensivemanualonBuckwheat(Fagopyrum tataricum), documenting its cultivation practices, agronomic management, and utilization for farmer andstakeholderreference.

Research Publications: 1 research article in a reputed institution's bulletin entitled “Indigenous Seed Conservation Practices in the Trans-Himalaya: Lessons from Spiti Valley” published in Himalayan Ecology (EIACP Bulletin, Vol. 33, 2025). The publication highlights the traditional knowledge system and community-based seed storage in the Trans-Himalayan region, contributing to biodiversity conservation and sustainable agriculture.

● Land Cover Change in Dzongu, Sikkim: A 20-year LULC assessment using Landsat imagery (1990–2020) found a gradual decline in forest cover and a significant increase in built-up

areas, highlighting growing development pressuresand the need for sustainable land-use and climate-resilient planning.

- Training Programmes: Farmer engagement and institutional strengthening programmes were conducted across Spiti, Niti and Dzongu, supporting FPC/cooperative formation, collective marketing, value addition, and revival of indigenous crops and sustainable livelihoods.
- Agroecological profiling (altitude, soil, cropping system, Agridiversity) completed for all project sites. Study site description with agricultural diversity: Table 1. Description of the three targeted landscapes in the Indian Himalayan region, specifically Spiti (Himachal Pradesh), Niti (Uttarakhand), and Dzongu (Sikkim), selected to examine agro-ecological systems and traditional knowledge in the context of climate resilience and livelihood generation. Comprehensive data on the traditional spice crop Allium przewalskianum (Jambu/Faran) was collected, including cultivation practices, cropping patterns, area under cultivation, yield, and soil attributes, contributing to the baseline assessment of traditional crops in the Niti valley.

- Table 1:

Sites	Coordinates	Elevation	Climate	Community	Description
Spiti	32° 17′ 24″ N 77° 59′ 24″ E	3200-4200	Cold desert; long severs winter, short cool summers; very low rainfall (<250 mm)	Predominantly Tibetan Buddhist (Bhot) community	High-altitude cold-desert agroecosystem relying on indigenous knowledge and climate-resilient crops. Community irrigation and agro-pastoral practices strengthen resilience and livelihoods.
Niti	30° 46′ 48″ N 79° 50′ 24″ E	3000-4000	Cold desert; long severs winter, short cool summers; moderate precipitation, mainly snowfall	Bhotiya (Indo Tibetan) tribal community	Alpine trans-Himalayan agroecosystem shaped by traditional knowledge and transhumance. Landraces, livestock migration and collective resource management strengthen climate resilience and food security.
Dzongu	27° 31′ 48″ N 88° 31′ 48″ E	700-6000	Humid subtropical to alpine	Lepcha indigenous community	Culturally conserved agroecosystem integrating Lepcha knowledge, agroforestry and terrace farming. Community stewardship

					and crop diversity support biodiversity, climate resilience and livelihoods.









3.1.2 Resilient Himalayas: A Blueprint and Investment Case for India's Sustainable Mountain Future

The Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SYSTEMIQ on 23 February 2026 to establish a framework for collaboration aimed at advancing sustainable development, resilience, and prosperity across the Himalayan region.

The key objectives of the MoU are to:

- Jointly pursue one to two shared goals for the Himalayan region, including the development and implementation of systems-change initiatives that contribute to the long-term resilience, well-being, and prosperity of mountain communities and ecosystems.
- Collaborate on the design and implementation of specific joint projects for the Himalayan region.

The overarching shared goal of the partnership is to work together in good faith, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, for the long-term benefit and sustainable development of the Himalayan region. A concept note for the proposed initiative was co-developed by both organisations outlining activities to be jointly implemented, subject to separate definitive agreements, as required.

With support from the Rockefeller Foundation, SYSTEMIQ, in collaboration with IMI, initiated a six-month INSPIRE phase (January–July 2026). The study focuses on developing a strategic and investment-oriented approach to addressing key challenges and opportunities in the Himalayan region. The scope of the INSPIRE phase included:

- Developing a clear, data-driven narrative on the importance of the Himalayas to India and the global community.
- Designing 3–5 catalytic and investable programmes, clearly defining what needs to be done, where it should be implemented, who would deliver it, and why the proposed approach is likely to succeed.
- Building an initial coalition of partners to test, refine, and advance the proposed programmes towards implementation.

Through this collaboration, IMI and SYSTEMIQ aim to translate evidence and regional priorities into practical, scalable, and investable solutions that can contribute to resilient and sustainable Himalayan development.

Key activities conducted

First Stakeholder Consultation on a Resilient Himalayan Future

The project kick-off and first stakeholder consultation was held on 20 February 2026 at Himachal Bhawan, New Delhi. It brought together senior representatives from NIHE, ICIMOD, World Bank, GIZ, IMI, Government and other experts and practitioners (incl. independent specialists).

The dialogue marked the first step toward a comprehensive analysis and a coordinated investment strategy for the IHR, contributing to India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. The session introduced the initiative's objectives and partners, fostered a shared understanding of key regional challenges, and initiated discussions on priority thematic programmes to address emerging gaps and opportunities.



4.IMI Activities (2025-26)

4.1 Sustainable Mountain Development Summit (SMDS XII)

Theme: Changing Agro-Ecological Landscape & Disasters in Himalaya: Resilience Building and Policy Imperatives for Viksit Bharat

The 12th Sustainable Mountain Development Summit (SMDSXII) was organized by the Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI), at Doon University on September 27 -28, 2025. It was inaugurated by Mr. Subodh Uniyal, Hon'ble Minister for Forests, Language, and Technical Education, Government of Uttarakhand.

A 2 minute silence was observed in memory of the lives and livelihoods lost in the recent disasters in the Indian Himalayan Region and beyond. In his address, Mr. Uniyal highlighted the Himalayan region's critical role in providing nearly 70 percent of India's water supply, even as it continues to face recurring climate disasters. Expressing deep concern over the heavy loss of lives and property caused by this year's monsoon across Himalayan states, he called for a coordinated, nature-aligned, and community-driven development plan. "Our water, forests, and land are the foundation of life. The deep bond that local residents share with nature has always ensured both its preservation and sustainable use." he said.

Delivering the keynote address, in the inaugural session Prof. Anil Kumar Gupta observed that although policies often mention environmental priorities, in practice they rarely reflect truly nature- compatible approaches. He stressed that sustainable development in the Himalaya requires combining modern science and technology with traditional wisdom and knowledge. Prof. Gupta also raised concerns over the growing pressure of religious and leisure tourism, warning that while tourism generates income, it also leaves mountains choked with plastic waste and pushes them into ecological vulnerability.

The second address by Dr. Devinder Sharma, expert on agriculture laid the context for SMDSXII recognizing the potential for resilience building through agroecology especially from the Indian Himalayan Region. He called on the need for a change in narrative of our traditional farming systems

over theglobalindustrialfoodcomplexandmediapromotion.Hestressedtheneedforall participants of SMDSXII to demand safe, healthy and fair food that will pressurise the market to supply itaswellasincentivisefarmers.

IMI President,Mr.RameshNegiremarkedthattheHimalayascannolongerwithstandunplanned development and called for pathways that are scientifically sound and ensure the safety of mountain people. IMI Secretary, Mr. Roshan Rai highlighted the organization's initiatives and the context of increasing frequency and magnitude of disaster in the Himalaya that calls on rethinking development trajectories in the mountains, as well as factoring climate change impacts at the landscape level.

Thematic Sessions at SMDSXII

The followingkeysessionswereorganisedaspartofSMDSXII-

Session I - Agro Ecology Resilience for Climate Change
Session II - Financing Solutions for building resilience in the Agroecology of IHR
Session III: Biodiversity and Agro ecology in Himalaya; Changing Patterns in Livelihood and Food and Nutrition Security
Session IV: Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience: Good Practices in the Himalayan States
Session V : Voices from the Grassroots
Session VI: Beleaguered Waters of Himalayas: Blessings and a curse
Side eventsconsistedofMountainLegislators'Meet,PosterPresentationsandPhotography Exhibition.

The SessiononAgroEcologyResilienceofClimateChangewasmoderatedbyIMImembers-Ms. Binita Shah(Uttarakhand)andMr.Gurung(Sikkim),andthepanelistswereDr.IshwariSinghBisht and Dr.LalSinghfromHimalayanAgroecologyInitiative,IMImember-Mr.AmbaJamir,SeniorPolicy Analyst & Development Strategist and Dr. Ghanshyam Sharma, Head of The Mountain Institute. The speakers gave successful indigenous agro- ecological practices while elaborating on the challenges faced bythesecommunitiesfrombiodiversityloss,climatevulnerability,marketcentricmodels,etc. They furtherhighlightedtheneedforpolicyreformsthatrecognizeindigenousagroecological systems, supporting appropriate technologies and the adoption of resilience-based metrics, prioritizing regeneration of soil health and seed systems, and the need to renew solidarity with farmers and indigenous communities rather than treating agroecology as a pilot or alternative model.

The sessiononFinancingSolutionswasmoderatedbyIMImember-Ms.BharatiRamolaandMr. Reuben Gergan (UNDP) to discuss the various sources of funding for agroecology interventions. The panelists for the session were Mr. Pankaj Tiwari (Arohi), Mr. Ronald Castellino (Practitioner), Mr. Santosh Singh (Intellecap) and Mr. Mridul R Rangan (NABARD) who provided interesting case studies of afforestationandbiocharcarboncreditsandclimatefinancemechanisms,andNABARD'sGreen Lending Facility (NGLF), stressing the need to have firm buyer commitments before any community engagement.

Biodiversity and Agro ecology in Himalaya: Changing patterns in Livelihood and Food and Nutrition Security Session was moderated by IMI member, Dr. Rajan Kotru. The panelists were Prof. (Dr) Nazir Ah. Ganai, VC of SKUAST (Kashmir), Dr. Bandana Shakya(ICIMOD), Dr. Jigmet Yangchen, School of Agriculture Science and Technology University (Ladakh) and Dr. Kitboklang Nongrum, (NESFAS). The session discussed the critical role of agrobiodiversity in sustaining mountain livelihoods, ensuring food and nutrition security with each speaker bringing the experiences of their organisations in promoting innovative technology solutions, livelihood enhancement, and natural resource management. They highlighted the need to scale impact through green business strategies,

reorienting policies and subsidiestowardsagroecologicalpractices,targetedinstitutionalsupport to strengthen climate resilienceandensurefoodsecurity.

Parallel session- Voices fromtheGrassrootswaschairedbyDr.VinodBhattofIRDFoundationand saw many speakers from variousmountainstates.Mr.VijayJardhari,Environmentalist,SocialWorker and Farmer (Uttarkhand), Dr.SmritiPanwar(IMI),Mr.ChewangLepchaandMr.GaneshChettri (Farmers from Sikkim), Mr.NawangTashi,Farmer(HimachalPradesh),Mrs.SushilaRaj,Ms.Preeti Pant, Mrs, Damyanti Devi andMrs.ManjuDungriyal,(FarmersfromUttarakhand)gavetheirinputs on indigenous seed saving practices,greenandclimateresilientagriculture,importanceoflivelihood diversification, etc. The sessionhighlightedthattraditionalcropswerenotmerelyfooditemsbut that they are integral to nutrition,medicine,culture,andecologicalbalance.

Climate Change Adaptation&Resilience:GoodPracticesintheHimalayanStatesSessionwas moderated by IMI Member,Dr.GSRawat,withkeyspeakersasDr.SPSubudhi,Chairperson-Biodiversity Board (Uttarakhand),Ms.NeenaGrewal,PCCF(Uttarakhand),IMIMemberMr.Jigme Takpa (Ladakh), Dr. Rajan Kotru(IMI)andDr.PradeepMehta(UNDP).Thespeakershighlightedthe disaster events that mountaincommunitieswerefacedwithincreasinglyandstronglyemphasised the urgency of moving beyondconventionalapproaches.Casestudiesofcommunityparticipation in disaster response, and postdisasterplanningatvillagelevelfromLadakhwerehighlighted.Itwas also argued that best practiceswouldbetemporaryunlesstheywerefollowedupand institutionalised, calling forlocallyadapted,scientificallyplanned,integratednaturalresource management strategies tobuildclimateresilience.

The Session - BeleagueredWatersofHimalayas:Blessingsandacursewasmoderatedby Dr.Vipin Kumar from Doon UniversitywhichhadDr.AnandSharma,President,IndianMeteorologicalSociety, Dr. Pradeep Srivastava, HoD,Dept.ofEarthScience,IITRoorkee,Dr.VinodKothari,Executive Director, Himmotthan Society,Dr.SobhanSinghRawat,ScientistF,NationalInstituteofHydrology, Roorkee, and Mr. BhupendraBhaisorafromSwissAgencyforDevelopmentandCooperation(SDC) as the speakers. The session focusedontheconnectionbetweendevelopmentanddisasters emphasising the need for atransitiontowardsthedevelopmentthatprioritisesgeologicalstability and climate resilient planning.Theimportanceofeffectiveearlywarningsystemsthatfocusedon timely action and responsewasalsohighlightedwhichwouldredirectreliefresourcestowards sustainable development andeconomicgrowth.

MountainLegislatorsMeet

“Ever increasing disaster in the IHR: What states must do differently in response” was the theme for the Mountain Legislators’ Meet which was moderated by Former IMI President, Mr. PD Rai along with SDFU Member, Mr. Anoop Nautiyal. The session was chaired by Uttarakhand Assembly Speaker, Ms. Ritu Khanduri Bhushan with expert inputs from Dr. Ravi Chopra, Environmentalist, and Dr. Durgesh Pant (DG - UCOST). Dr. Pant highlighted the use of technology in disaster resilience while also acknowledging the traditional local knowledge of communities, and the need for shifting disaster management from a post disaster relief oriented approach to prevention, preparedness and resilience building. Dr. Chopra provided insights on the climate vulnerabilities and the key actions that were required to adopt mountain specific standards for infrastructure development, carrying capacities of Himalayan cities and revising the climate change action plans.

Member of Parliament and former Chief Minister Mr. Trivendra Singh Rawat highlighted that development in the Himalayas cannot be measured merely in terms of roads and buildings and true

development must link conservation of natural resources with the livelihoods of local communities. Speaker Ms. Ritu Khanduri highlighted that the Himalaya is an extremely sensitive region where life requires resilience and policies should ensure active participation of local communities by integrating science with traditional knowledge.

Distinguished participants included Mr. Nabam Tuki (former Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh), Mr. Munna Singh Chauhan, Mr. Kishore Upadhyay, Ms. Savita Kapoor, Mr. Brijbhushan Gairola, Ms. Asha Nautiyal (MLA, Uttarakhand), Ms. Anuradha Rana (MLA, Himachal Pradesh), Ms. Hekani Jakhalu, Mr. Wangpang Konyak (Nagaland), and Mr. Tikender S. Panwar (former Mayor, Himachal Pradesh).





Dehradun Declaration, Mountain Legislators' Meet 2025

Mountain Legislators Meet (MLM)
The Dehradun Declaration (2025)

September 27, 2025

We, the elected representatives of the States, Union Territories, Autonomous Councils, and Districts of the Indian Himalayan Region, convened at the Mountain Legislators' Meet (MLM) on Saturday, September 27, 2025, as part of the Sustainable Mountain Development Summit - XII - (SMDSXII), in Dehradun, Uttarakhand under the aegis of Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI).

Having heard the experts and voices of the communities on Disaster and Agroecology at the SMDSXII, we recognize the Himalaya as the world's youngest, most fragile, and transboundary mountain system. We affirm that disasters and ecological challenges in these mountains transcend political boundaries and require coordinated regional responses. The Himalayan rivers, glaciers, forests, and ecosystems sustain nearly two billion people across Asia, and their preservation is a matter of common survival, peace, and prosperity.

We acknowledge with deep sorrow the lives lost, families affected, properties destroyed, and economies ruined by recent recurring disasters in the Indian Himalayan Region and extend our solidarity to mountain communities across the wider Himalayan region who face similar vulnerabilities. We further express grave concern over the compounded threats of climate change, infrastructure development, ecological degradation, and anthropogenic pressures that jeopardize not only the unique geology, cultures, and biodiversity of the Himalaya but also regional stability and security.

In this spirit, we affirm the following commitments and calls to action as part of the Dehradun Declaration:

1. We pledge to define a new, science-based, resilient development model for the Himalaya.
2. We demand establishing a dedicated Cell or Centre for Strategic Environmental Planning and Green Infrastructure for the IHR within NITI Ayog
3. We call for urgent monitoring of glaciers and action on risks Glacial Lake Outbursts Floods and Glacial Retreats on downstream settlements and hydro projects.
4. We recognize the increasing incidences of climate events in the Himalayan Region. At the same time lack of proper monitoring of environmental norms in developmental projects cannot be overlooked. Therefore, we recommend zero tolerance to human negligence on part of implementing agencies.
5. We call on a comprehensive assessment of all river basins for restoration and strategic environmental planning and interventions.
6. We will ensure regular monitoring of environmental benchmarks in the complete lifecycle of a project in a transparent manner with active participation of local community and environmental experts.
7. While we acknowledge the importance of tourism for our mountain communities, we also understand the need to address the tourism impacts and take strong measures to combat overtourism through promotion of responsible and sustainable tourism that respects the carrying capacity of important tourist destinations.
8. We commit to proactively strengthen disaster preparedness as the first line of action before disaster relief, advocating for cross-border data sharing, coordinated action on risks, establishing state of the art early warning systems, and community involvement.

9. We pledge to institutionalize quicker relief, rehabilitation, and inclusion of mental health support for disaster-affected families and encourage cross-border humanitarian collaboration during shared crises and coordinated disaster response mechanisms to mitigate cascading impacts across the Himalaya.
10. We commit to proactively prepare for the monsoon of 2026 and beyond.
11. We recognize that disasters transcend boundaries, and that coordinated and collaborative transboundary actions are an urgent need of the hour across the mountain states.

We hereby resolve to elevate the voices of our mountain communities. These above measures we believe are essential for sustainable, equitable and climate resilient Himalaya that is vital for achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Signed

1. Sh Trivendra Singh Rawat, Hon'ble M.P. Lok Sabha and Former Chief Minister, Uttarakhand
2. Shri Nabam Tuki, Former Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh
3. Sh. Munna Singh Chauhan, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Uttarakhand
4. Sushri Anuradha Rana, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Himachal Pradesh
5. Sh. Kishore Upadhyay, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Uttarakhand
6. Smt. Hekani Jakhalu, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Nagaland
7. Smt. Savita Kapoor, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Uttarakhand

8. Sh Wangpang Konyak, Hon'ble Advisor & Member of Legislative Assembly, Nagaland

9. Sh. Brijbhushan Gairola, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Uttarakhand

10. Smt Asha Nautiyal, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Uttarakhand

Attended.

11. Sh Tikender S. Panwar, Former Mayor, Himachal Pradesh

SESSION CHAIR-
SMT. RITU KHANDURI BHUSHAN
HON'BLE SPEAKER, UTTARAKHAND

PREM DAS RAI
IMI
& FORMER MP/LS
Sikkim

RAMESH NEGI
PRESIDENT, IMI

4.2 8th RST Forum

The 8th R.S.Tolia Forum was organized by SDFU on 11th December 2025 at the Doon Library & Research Centre, Dehradun, focused on the book titled “Dialogue: Uttarakhand @25 Looking Back, Looking Forward”. The year marks a significant milestone as Uttarakhand completes 25 years of statehood. To commemorate this important occasion, a reflective and forward-looking initiative was conceived by Shri N. S. Napalchayal (IAS, Retd.), who invited leading domain experts to assess the state’s journey over the past decade and a half and to articulate a plausible roadmap for the future across key sectors.

This collective effort culminated in the publication of the book “Uttarakhand @25: Looking Back, Looking Forward”. Responding to the call, a distinguished group of 25 authors came together, dedicating extensive time and intellectual effort to document their experiences, evidence-based insights, policy perspectives, and actionable recommendations. The book has been meticulously edited through a collaborative process led by Shri N. S. Napalchayal (IAS, Retd.), Shri Ravi Shanker (IAS, Retd.), and Dr. Sudha Pandey, who worked closely on every contribution to ensure coherence, clarity, and depth. The publication was produced in record time by a dedicated team from the Doon Library and Research Center, under the leadership of Dr. B. K. Joshi. The book had been formally released on 30 November 2025 by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand.





4.3 The Himalayan Cleanup 2025 (THC)

The Himalayan Cleanup 2025 has put the spotlight on the Himalayan waste crisis and a call to action against plastic pollution. THC waste and brand audit insights become more pertinent at the time of global discussions to end plastic pollution. It highlights the need to have a vulnerable areas approach to the plastic waste crisis, while adopting a complete life cycle perspective, with producers taking responsibility, as well as intersecting it with food and nutrition security, climate and biodiversity crisis.

THC 2025 audited 233945 pieces of trash with the support of 11000+ volunteers across 148 sites in 8 Himalayan states. Of this total waste, 93% was plastic waste and only 7% of the total waste picked up was non-plastic. 217854 pieces of plastic were audited in the THC 2025 with Arunachal Pradesh auditing the highest number at 110759 pieces which is a little over 50% of the total plastic. Thus the insights that emerge from the THC2025 are biased to Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Nagaland that audited over 28% of the plastics in THC2025. Ladakh for its unique cold dry desert and low population density audited 9.6% of the total giving unique insights of the plastic waste landscape.

PepsiCo, Coco-Cola, Kaisha Industries, Natural Water Industries, Parle, Vinayaka Industries, Hornbill Industries, ITC, CG Foods, Perfetti Van Melle were revealed as the top 10 polluters of the Indian Himalayan Region for 2025 at the webinar 'The Himalayan Cleanup Speaks: Insights to Action' 8 August 2025 - Zero Waste Himalaya Day.

Food packaging was consistently the highest trashed item at 93% of all plastics that shows the continued trend in the consumption of junk ultra-processed food and beverage and the contribution of Big Food to the Himalayan waste crisis. 52% of food packaging audited was non-recyclable which highlights the limitations of recycling as a solution.



4.4 Regional Integration Initiative for Women-Led Rural Tourism in South Asia – Outcomes for IMI

Thimphu, Bhutan (8–10 May 2025)

The Regional Integration Initiative for Women-Led Rural Tourism in South Asia Conference was attended by Mr. P. D. Rai and Mr. R. P. Gurung on behalf of the Integrated Mountain

Initiative (IMI), along with a delegation of homestay owners from Sikkim. The conference, organised by the South Asian Women's Network (SWAN) with support from the World Bank,focused on strengthening women-led rural tourism, regional cooperation and sustainable development across South Asia. The potential of the Buddhist Circuit connecting Nepal, India and Bhutan, along with the wider Eastern Himalayan tourism landscape, was highlighted as an important opportunity for regional integration and community-based tourism. The need for greater access to finance, skills, digital platforms, markets and cross-border opportunities for rural women was emphasised, while digital marketing, joint branding and knowledge sharing were identified as key drivers of integration. From IMI's perspective, the importance of assessing the implementation of existing women-led entrepreneurship policies, understanding local economic and social ecosystems, and aligning regional tourism initiatives with national development priorities, the SDGs and GNH principles was highlighted. The development of innovative tourism products under the broader Buddhist Circuit, supported by coordinated digital marketing and stronger regional partnerships, was proposed. The Kanchenjunga Landscape was identified as a potential area for pilot collaboration. Discussions on other Himalayan concerns, including GLOF research being undertaken in Bhutan, were also considered relevant for future IMI engagement. Overall, the conference provided an important platform for strengthening IMI's engagement with regional initiatives on women-led rural tourism, sustainable livelihoods, cultural connectivity and environmental conservation.





4.4 Other Activities

Meeting with Honourable Chief Minister Mr. Pema Khandu of Arunachal Pradesh

IMI President, Mr. Ramesh Negi met the Hon'ble CM of Arunachal Pradesh on July 14, 2025 and discussed issues related to flood disaster preparedness in the Himalayan region, including Arunachal Pradesh and the need for policy dialogues and interventions. During recent times, floods in the Himalaya have caused huge devastations leading to loss of lives, livelihoods and ecology. Shri Khandu expressed his concern about the threat to our fragile environment and agreed with the proposition for advance preparedness before the disaster struck.

IMI at inception workshop of Clean Himalayan Hill Cities Initiative (CHHCI)

IMI Secretary, Mr. Roshan Rai presented IMI's perspective on sustainable waste management for the IHR at the inception workshop of the Clean Himalayan Hill Cities Initiative organised by MoHUA. Insights coming out of The HImalayan Cleanup's waste and brand audit data since 2018 were presented to set the context for the inception workshop for CHHCI, a programme instituted by MoHUA allocating special resources for Himalayan Cities for innovative solid waste management. At the same workshop, IMI member Ms. Priyadarshinee Shrestha also moderated a session with key drivers of change from the IHR who had been featured on the PM's Mann Ki Baat.

IMI on City Sense

Mr. Ramesh Negi attended an episode of City Sense, hosted by Mr. Tikendra Singh Panwar, Former Dy. Mayor, Shimla on July 5, 2025. They discussed the growing vulnerabilities of Himalayan towns, the impact of unplanned urbanisation, and the need to rethink development and urban planning in the region.

Participation at Asian Biodynamic Conference 2025, Pokhara





IMI members, Mr PD Rai and Ms. Binita Shah participated in a panel discussion at Asian Biodynamic Conference 2025, Pokhara, Nepal. It discussed holistic approaches, discovering new perspectives on biodynamic agriculture in Asia, and integrated studies.

Ms Binita Shah was the Keynote Speaker at the Royal Agricultural University in Cirencester, United Kingdom at the 3rd International Biodynamic Research Conference: The Whole and Its Parts on 31st July 2025.

IMI member, Dr. GS Rawat participated in "Regional Cooperation - Landscape restoration and management"

Dr. GS Rawat, Governing Council Member, Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI), delivered the keynote address at the G. B. Pant Memorial Lecture held at the headquarters of the National Himalayan Institute of Himalayan (NHIH) on 10th September 2025. The lecture provided an important platform for reflecting on the contributions of the renowned Himalayan scientist and visionary, GB Pant, while highlighting contemporary challenges and opportunities for sustainable development and conservation in the Himalayan region. Dr. Rawat shared his valuable insights and expertise on Himalayan ecosystems, biodiversity conservation, climate change, and the need for strengthening scientific research and community-based approaches for the sustainable management of mountain landscapes.

Roshan Rai was part of the team with NIUA andDarjeelingMunicipality to develop an integrated water and waste management plan for DarjeelingMunicipality. The intervention came out of the Parvant Manthan, Elected Representative Conclaveand incontinuation with NIUA and IMI MoU. The team invested 11 days of intensive stakeholderengagementas well as transect walks along the water and waste flows to develop an integrated waterandwastemanagement plan that the Municipality could take forward through leveraging resourcesaswell asimplementing it with existing resources. This pilot filled the gap of human resources of asmallHimalayan city for deep research and planning for scientific and sustainable water and waste management.

5.Meetings and Strategic Discussions

5.1 Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body meeting was held online on 28th October 2025 via Zoom platform. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Ramesh Negi, President, IMI and attended by twenty-three IMI members. He welcomed the members and highlighted the growing environmental, social, and governance challenges facing the Himalayan region. He appreciated IMI's efforts in policy advocacy, partnerships, and institutional strengthening, and emphasized the need for stronger state chapters and continued collective action for sustainable mountain development. Mr. Roshan Rai, Secretary, IMI presented the ATR of the 11th AGM dated 29th September 2024. He also presented the Annual Report for the period 1 April 2024– 31 March 2025, summarizing IMI's key initiatives, project activities, and achievements.

Ms. Binita Shah, Treasurer, presented the Audited Financial Statement and Balance Sheet for FY 2024–25. She shared that all statutory filings were up to date, and the audit was clean without any observations. The members reviewed new membership nominations, emphasizing greater diversity, gender balance, and youth representation, while pending applications will be ratified after completion of required documentation. The members also outlined future priorities, including strengthening IMI's multi-stakeholder partnerships, enhancing youth engagement, expanding collaborations with national and international institutions, promoting knowledge sharing, and exploring carbon finance opportunities for community-based conservation initiatives. The key outcomes were to strengthen IMI by renewing memberships, reactivating state chapters, expanding outreach in the Northeast, mobilizing resources through new partnerships, continuing the Dr. R.S. Tolia Memorial Award, and advancing a Pan-Himalayan study in collaboration with Systemiq and NIHE.



5.2 Governing Council Meetings

The 41st Governing Council meeting was held online on 3rd May 2025. All GC members were in attendance with the exception of Mr. Rigzin Spalbar, Dr. M.P. Sood 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 40th GC meeting. The Governing Council reviewed progress on key initiatives, including the Pan-Himalayan study, climate finance opportunities, World Environment Day activities, new project proposals, and the NMHS programme. Members emphasized strengthening partnerships with government and private stakeholders, expanding outreach in the Northeast, advancing research and advocacy on mountain issues, and enhancing collaboration through state chapters and strategic project development.

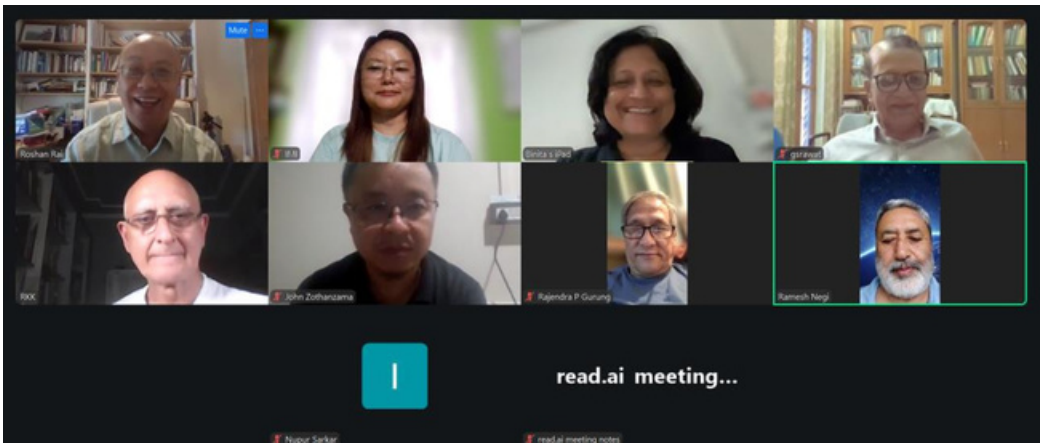
The 42nd Governing Council meeting was held online on 10th June 2025. All GC members were in attendance with the exception of Mr. Rigzin Spalbar, Prof John Zothanzama, Dr. M.P. Sood and Ms. Thingreiphi Lungharwo. The Governing Council approved the proposal to organize a Mini Sustainable Mountain Development Summit (SMDS) in Dehradun on 20–21 August 2025, focusing on agroecology, water, and waste through the lens of climate change in the Indian Himalayan Region. The summit will be supported through the NMHS Agroecology Project, and members also deliberated on the proposed MoU with Systemiq, agreeing to seek further inputs before taking it forward under IMI's existing collaboration with the Government of India and NITI Aayog.

The 43rd Governing Council meeting was held online on 10th October 2025 via Zoom platform. All GC members were in attendance with the exception of Prof John Zothanzama and Ms. Thingreiphi Lungharwa. Action taken report of the 42nd GC meeting was presented by Mr. Roshan Rai, Secretary, IMI. The Governing Council reviewed the financial status of SMDS-XII and noted that the accounts would be finalized after pending reimbursements are received. Members discussed the post-SMDS roadmap, emphasizing the dissemination of the Mountain Legislators' Meet (MLM) Declaration, preparation of the summit report, strengthening partnerships with national and international institutions, and organizing the Meet of the Mountain States (MoMS). The Council also approved the induction of new members from across the Himalayan states, with a focus on expanding youth participation, gender balance, and multidisciplinary expertise, while outlining next steps for financial closure, membership confirmation, and the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

The 44th Governing Council was conducted virtually on 28th October 2025. All GC members were in attendance with the exception of Dr. M.P.Sood, Prof John Zothanzama, Ms Thingreiphi Lungharwo and Mr.Rigzin Spalbar, who were absent. Mr. Ramesh Negi welcomed all the members of IMI who joined the meeting. Mr. Roshan Rai presented the Annual Report for the period 1 April 2024– 31 March 2025, summarizing IMI’s key initiatives, project activities, and achievements. The Governing Council unanimously adopted the Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements for FY 2024–25, noting IMI's strong financial position, clean audit, healthy corpus fund, and well-performing investment portfolio with no outstanding liabilities. Members also reviewed the financial status of SMDS-XII, recommended greater transparency through disclosure of investment market values, and agreed to gradually strengthen the corpus fund while continuing regular monitoring of investments.

The 45th Governing Council was conducted virtually on 20th December 2025. All GC members were in attendance with the exception of Mr. Jikmet Takpa, Dr. M.P.Sood, Prof John Zothanzama, Ms Thingreiphi Lungharwo and Mr.Rigzin Spalbar, who were absent. Mr. Ramesh Negi welcomed all the members of IMI who joined the meeting. The Governing Council reviewed progress on the

proposed collaboration with Systemiq and the Pan-HimalayanStudy, agreeing to finalize the MoU following a stakeholder consultation scheduled for9January2026. Members discussed the study's scope, stakeholder engagement strategy, and logistical arrangements, emphasizing strong participation from government agencies, researchinstitutions,and development partners. The Council also initiated the process for Dr. R.S. ToliaAward andoutlined key actions for preparing concept notes, invitations, and coordination for theconsultation.



6. Annexures

Annexure 1 : Audit Report (2024-25)

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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 2026***, 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 manegement 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, 2026**, and

(ii) In the case of Income & Expenditure A/c for the year ended on that date.

For **ADROIT & CO**
Chartered Accountants

ADROIT & CO CA M.No.093945 Dehradun Chartered Accountants

Dated : 30-06-2026

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Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI)

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Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2026

PARTICULARS	Note No.	As at 31st March 2026 (in Rs.)	As at 31st March 2025 (in Rs.)
Capital Account			
Corpus Fund	1	2,323,486.47	1,660,838.46
Lifetime Membership Fund		470,000.00	450,000.00
Fixed Asset Capital Fund		21,725.28	25,440.84
Dr.R.S Tolia Memorial Award Fund		1,043,776.00	1,043,776.00
Other Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors	2	-	-
Audit & Taxation Fees Payable	3	(786.51)	(486.51)
Unutilized / Earmarked Grant Fund	4	-	3,976,918.76
TOTAL		**3,858,201.24**	**7,156,487.55**
Fixed Assets			
As per details	5	30,025.28	25,440.84
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6	87,246.96	3,760,862.71
Loan & Advances	7	440,929.00	70,184.00
Advances recoverable in Cash or Kind			
Investments	8	3,300,000.00	3,300,000.00
TOTAL		**3,858,201.24**	**7,156,487.55**

Significant accounting policies and notes to accounts

On behalf of the Board **Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI)**

Secretary

Treasurer

Dated : 30-06-2026

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Schedules to the Balance Sheet

Note		Name of the Heads related to Balance Sheet	Total transactions during the year 2025-2026			
			As at 31st March 2025	Dr.	Cr.	As at 31st March 2026
1	**Corpus Fund**					
	1	Corpus Fund	1,660,838.46	70,184.00	732,832.01	2,323,486.47
	2	Dr. R Stolia Memorial Award Fund	1,043,776.00			1,043,776.00
	3	Membership Fees	450,000.00		20,000.00	470,000.00
	4	Fixed Asset Capital Fund	25,440.84	3,715.56		21,725.28
		Total	**3,180,055.30**	**73,899.56**	**752,832.01**	**3,858,987.75**
2	**Sundry Creditors**					
	1		-	-		-
	2		-	-		-
		Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
3	**Audit & Taxation Fees Payable**					
	1	Balance Sheet Audit Fees Payable	-			-
	2	ITR filing & Tax Audit Fees Payable	-			-
	3	Duties & Taxes (TDS Payables)	(486.51)	36,300.00	36,000.00	(786.51)
		Total	**(486.51)**	**36,300.00**	**36,000.00**	**(786.51)**
4	**Unutilized / Earmarked Grant Fund**		As per separate sheet attached (Refer to Note-4)			
5	**Fixed Assets**					
	1	Office Chairs	4,989.24		498.92	4,490.32
	2	Colour Printer	8,904.60		1,335.69	7,568.91
	3	Office Table	11,547.00		1,154.70	10,392.30
	4	Inverter Battery	-	8,300.00	726.25	7,573.75
		Total	**25,440.84**	**8,300.00**	**3,715.56**	**30,025.28**
6	**Cash & Cash Equivalents**					
	1	Cash In Hand	-			-
	2	ICICI Bank - 135701000837	234,958.39	2,180,074.00	2,327,785.43	87,246.96
	3	BOB Bank - 06230100012217	3,525,904.32	753,189.00	4,279,093.32	-
		Total	**3,760,862.71**	**2,933,263.00**	**6,606,878.75**	**87,246.96**
7	**Loans & Advances (Asset)**					
	1	German Developement Cooperation (GIZ Office)	47,405.00		47,405.00	-
	2	MIMDI	22,779.00		22,779.00	-
	3	Ashish Kumar		116,000.00		116,000.00
	4	Anil Gurung		55,680.00		55,680.00
	5	Manju Devi Dungriyal		24,000.00		24,000.00
	6	Mast Ram		97,440.00		97,440.00
	7	Nupur Sarkar_NMHS		48,000.00		48,000.00
	8	Piu Day Sarkar		55,680.00		55,680.00
	9	Rummit Lepcha		20,129.00		20,129.00
	10	Tanzin Dolma		24,000.00		24,000.00
			70,184.00	**440,929.00**	**70,184.00**	**440,929.00**
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
			3,300,000.00	**-**	**-**	**3,300,000.00**





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Consolidated Income & Expenditure Account

For the period from 01-April-2025 to 31-March-2026 (2025-26)

	PARTICULARS	Note No.	As at 31st March 2026 (in Rs.)	
A	**Incomes :**			
1	NMHS Agro-Ecology Project		-	
2	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development		-	
3	Sustainable Development Forum Uttaranchal (SDFU)		-	
4	Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology		-	
5	The Nature Conservancy and Himalayan Cleanup		-	
6	Tarayana Foundation Bhutan		50,000.00	
7	Sustainable Mountain Development Summit-2026		2,100,000.00	
	Bank Interest & Others			
	NMHS Agro-Ecology Project		-	2,150,000.00
	Total = (A)	>>>	**2,150,000.00**	**2,150,000.00**
B	**Expenditures :**			
1	NMHS Agro-Ecology Project		3,525,904.32	
2	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development		-	
3	Sustainable Development Forum Uttaranchal (SDFU)		-	
4	Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology		-	
5	The Nature Conservancy and Himalayan Cleanup		-	
6	Tarayana Foundation Bhutan		50,000.00	
7	Sustainable Mountain Development Summit-2026		1,828,255.97	
	Total = (B)	>>>	**5,404,160.29**	**5,404,160.29**
C	**Excess of Expenditure over Income = (A - B)**		>>>>>	**(3,254,160.29)**

On behalf of the Board **Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI)**

Secretary

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Dated : 30-06-2026

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Note 4 : Unutilized / Earmarked Grant Fund

	Particulars	As at 31st March 2025	Grant received	Bank Intt. & Others	TOTAL	Fund Utilized	Funds Un-utilized	Fund Transferred to Corpus	Total Payments	As at 31st March 2026
1	NMHS Agro-Ecology Project	3,525,904.32	-	-	**3,525,904.32**	3,525,904.32	-		3,525,904.32	-
2	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development	296,185.73	-	-	**296,185.73**	-	296,185.73	296,185.73	-	-
3	Sustainable Development Forum Uttaranchal (SDFU)	37,023.31	-		**37,023.31**	-	37,023.31	37,023.31	-	-
4	Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology	108,648.00	-		**108,648.00**	-	108,648.00	108,648.00	-	-
5	The Nature Conservancy and Himalayan Cleanup	9,157.40	-		**9,157.40**	-	9,157.40	9,157.40	-	-
6	Tarayana Foundation Bhutan		50,000.00		**50,000.00**	50,000.00	-		50,000.00	-
7	Sustainable Mountain Development Summit-2026		2,100,000.00		**2,100,000.00**	1,828,255.97	271,744.03	271,744.03	1,828,255.97	-
	Total	**3,976,918.76**	**2,150,000.00**	**-**	**6,126,918.76**	**5,404,160.29**	**722,758.47**		**5,404,160.29**	**-**



NMHS Agro-Ecology Project

Receipt & Payment Account

For the period from 01-April-2025 to 31-March-2026 (2025-26)

	PARTICULARS	Note No.	As at 31st March 2026 (in Rs.)	As at 31st March 2025 (in Rs.)
A	**Incomes :**			
	Grant Fund Received		-	5,424,121.00
	Bank Interest & Other Receipts		-	39,681.00
			-	-
	Total	**>>>**	**-**	**5,463,802.00**
B	**Expenditures :**			
	Professional Services		2,061,792.00	1,002,070.00
	Training Expenses		855,937.00	306,699.00
	Office Expenses		693,222.00	144,292.00
	Domestic Travels		187,543.00	221,958.00
	Printing and Publications		198,045.00	2,896.00
	Digitel Equipment		64,804.00	176,069.00
	Material and Supplies		177,829.00	83,900.00
	Bank SMS charges		-	13.68
	Total	**>>>**	**4,239,172.00**	**1,937,897.68**
C	**Closing Balance = (A - B)**		(4,239,172.00)	3,525,904.32

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Tarayana Foundation Bhutan

Receipt & Payment Account

For the period from 01-April-2025 to 31-March-2026 (2025-26)

	PARTICULARS	Note No.	As at 31st March 2026 (in Rs.)	As at 31st March 2025 (in Rs.)
A	**Incomes :**			
	Grant Fund Received		50,000.00	-
	Total	**>>>**	**50,000.00**	**-**
B	**Expenditures :**			
	Salary & Consultancy			
	Accomodation & Travelling Expenses		37,800.00	
	Food & Beverages Expenses		11,905.00	-
	Toll Expenses		295.00	-
	Total	**>>>**	**50,000.00**	**-**
C	**Closing Balance = (A - B)**		-	-

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Receipt & Payment Account

For the period from 01-April-2025 to 31-March-2026 (2025-26)

	PARTICULARS	Note No.	As at 31st March 2026 (in Rs.)	As at 31st March 2025 (in Rs.)
A	**Incomes :**			
	Grant Fund Received		2,100,000.00	-
	Total	**>>>**	**2,100,000.00**	**-**
B	**Expenditures :**			
	Salary & Consultancy			
	Accomodation & Travelling Expenses		844,262.10	
	Printing Expenses		84,981.72	-
	Office & Administration		899,012.15	-
	Total	**>>>**	**1,828,255.97**	**-**
C	**Closing Balance = (A - B)**		271,744.03	-

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Notes of Accounts and Significant Accounting Policies

As at 31st March 2026

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 thee year aretransferred to Income & Expenditure Account & unutilized portion is shown as grant Fund under liability sie of Balance Sheet.

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Annexure 2 : Governing Council (2023 -26)

President - Mr. Ramesh Negi,

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.

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

Fantry MeinJaswal,VicePresident

Fantry MeinJaswaljoinedtheIndianRevenueService(Customs&CentralExcise)in1976.Sheisthe first womantojointhecivilservicesfromArunachalPradesh.Sheworkedinvariouscapacitiesand held severalchallengingpostsinthedepartmentinacareerspanning35years.Shereceivedthe 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 demittedofficethereafter.FantryMeinJaswaljoinedtheIntegratedMountainInitiativein2012 as a CouncilorrepresentingthestateofArunachalPradesh.ShewasappointedasTreasurerofIMIin 2014 andSecretaryin2016.SheservedasSecretaryforconsecutivesixyearsandasaFounding Member, helped build the institution in its formative years. She was instrumental in the formation of the SustainableForumofArunachalPradesh(SDFA),astatechapterofIMIandwasnominatedasits chairperson. She continues to hold the post till date.

Jigmet Takpa,VicePresident

Jigmet TakpaisaRetdIndianForestService(IFS)Officerof1990Batch,ApexScale(Level16).Former Principal ChiefConservatorofForests(PCCF),UnionTerritoryofLadakh.FormerChiefConservatorof Forests (Wildlife),GovernmentofJammuandKashmir,ProjectDirector:LadakhRenewableEnergy 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.

Roshan PatrickRai,Secretary

Roshan PatrickRai,SecretaryIMI,isadevelopmentpractitionerwithDLRPrerna,Darjeeling-based NGO (www.darjeelingprerna.org).Heworksonissuesofenvironmentandsocialequityinthe Darjeeling Himalaya. His work with small farmers at present focuses on local food cultures, water and climate change. He is part of the core team of Zero Waste Himalaya and has partnered with local urban bodies,communitiesandeducationalinstitutionsinpromotingsustainablewastemanagement practices. The team has been undertaking peer educators training and campaigns like the Plastic Freedom Challenge and the Himalayan Cleanup across the Himalaya. Roshan bases his experience and communityinitiativeswithintheDarjeelingandSikkimHimalayaandsimultaneouslyengages with theIMIfamilytoplaceitwithinthepolicylandscape.

Binita Shah,Treasurer

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

Dr. Gopal Singh Rawat, Councillor

Dr.GopalSinghRawat,FormerlySeniorProfessor&DeanattheWildlifeInstituteofIndia,Dehradun has over 42 years of research experience on the Himalayan Flora, Ecology and Management of NaturalResourcesintheHimalayanregion(AlpineRangelands,Bio-resources,OrchidsandMedicinal Plants).HeisaFellowofNationalAcademyofSciences,India(2004)andrecipientofprestigiousT.N. Khoshoo Memorial Award. He served as Chief Scientist, Ecosystem Services at the International CentreforIntegratedMountainDevelopment(ICIMOD),Kathmandu(2011–2014)andisamember of several professional bodies and expert committees.

HeisinHimalayanEcosystemsespeciallyAlpineFlora,OrchidsandMedicinalPlants,andspecialized inHimalayanFloraandtheformerDeanandDirectorattheWildlifeInstituteofIndiaDehradun.He has been actively engaged in teaching, research and academic activities for the last 40 years. His areasofspecializationincludeeco-floristicstudiesintheHimalayanregion,EcologyandManagement ofAlpinerangelands,Statussurveyofmedicinalplants,andWildlifeHabitatWildlifeEcology.Heis 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 includingplantsystematics,habitatecologyandmanagementofwildlifehabitatsinIndia.Hisother experiences include working as Chief Scientist, Ecosystem Services at International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) at Kathmandu (2011-14), Member, Task Force on MountainEcosystemsforthePlanningCommissionduring(2006-08),MemberofIUCN(SSC)Orchid and Medicinal Plant Specialist Groups and an expert member, Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for the Asia-Pacific region.

CurrentlyheisamemberofthePlanningBoardforUnionTerritoryofLadakhandMember,Wildlife Board, UttarakhandandmemberofexpertcommitteeforthemanagementofInvasiveAlienSpecies inIndia formedbytheMinistryofEnvironment,ForestandClimateChange,Govt.ofIndia.Heserved as a Chairman of the Committee for formulation of Rangeland Policy for the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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 traditionalknowledge, Regional Environment Program at Asia Indigenous peoples Pact, based inThailand,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 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.

Rigzin Spalbar, Councillor

Rigzin Spalbar was the Chief Executive Councillor, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Leh, India. He worked as the general secretary of Ladakh Buddhist Association Leh (1985–95) and as General Secretary (1995–2000) and President (2000–10) of the Leh District Congress Committee. He was elected as a member of the first LAHDC Leh (representing Lower Leh) in 1995 and served as a councillor. During the second term of LAHDC (2000–05), He became Executive Councillor (Education) and then Chairman/CEC for one year. During the third term of LAHDC (2005–10), he represented Skyu-Markha constituency. In 2010, he led his party to a fourth term (2010–15). He won a majority and became Chairman/CEC. Spalbar is the National General Secretary of Bhartiya Federation of Smaller States. He is the founding member of the Leh-Ladakh state chapter of IMI, Sustainable Development Forum Ladakh.

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 2026)

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1	Fantry Mein Jaswal	Founding Member & Retd IRS officer	IMI	Arunachal Pradesh	fantrymein@gmail.com	9810166401
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