

DAY 1- 14TH NOVEMBER 2025		
TIME	SESSIONS	VENUE
9:30 - 10:00	<i>Registrations</i>	Outside GICT Auditorium, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
10:00 – 11:30	<p>OPENING SESSION: Traditional Knowledge and Community Practices in Safeguarding Heritage Session Chair: Anil Kumar, Head Janapada Sampada, IGNC Keynote Address: Harsh Chouhan, Former Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes and Founder, Shivganga Interaction with Bhil Community Members Film Screening: Halma – It’s Time to Call Introduction to the Film: Abhay Mishra, Author and Environmental Journalist, IGNC, New Delhi</p>	GICT Auditorium, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Tea/ Coffee break</i>	019, GICT Building, Central Campus
11:45 – 13:15	<p>TECHNICAL SESSION 1: Traditional Knowledge Systems and Sustainability Session Chair: Aditya Ghosh, Professor CHM, Ahmedabad University</p> <p>Anju Khanna, Anjali Capila, Vijayluxmi Bose: ` Climate change, traditional wisdom, culture and livelihoods in Talla Ramgarh, Nainital District</p> <p>Charuta Kulkarni, Shraddha Bhatawadekar: Adopting an Ecosystem Model for Sustainable Heritage Management in India</p> <p>Garima Singh: The Khar Way: An Assamese Cultural Model for a Waste-to-Wealth Circular Economy</p> <p>Al Mahmud: Rivers in the Lives of Communities: Local Strategies for Riverbank Erosion Mitigation and Cultural Landscape Preservation in the Padma Basin, Bangladesh</p>	GICT Auditorium, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
13:15 – 14:15	<i>Lunch</i>	Room 107, 110, University Centre, Central Campus
14:15 – 15:45	<p>TECHNICAL SESSION 2: Traditional Water Management Systems Session Chair: Saptam Patel, Professor, AMSOM, Ahmedabad University</p> <p>Anurag Anthony: Reviving Neglected Stepwells: Integrating Water Conservation, Climate Adaptation and Socio-Cultural Regeneration</p> <p>Nisha Vashistha: Traditional Water Systems (TWS) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS): a study of Climate Change and Conservation with Special Reference to Kunds of Kaman, Rajasthan</p> <p>Aghash: People, Heritage and Climate: Lessons from the traditional Eri irrigation system of Tamil Nadu</p> <p>Sanjana Samel-Ambekar: Landforms that support coexistence: Deconstructing the natural heritage of Jawai bandh, Rajasthan</p>	GICT Auditorium, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
15:45 – 16:15	<p>Performance: Water, Pots and Sounds Sukrit Sen, Art and Outreach Lead, Kolkata, Living Waters Museum</p>	GICT Auditorium, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
16:15 – 17:00	Evening Talk: Ashish Kothari , Environmentalist and Founder of Kalpvriksh, to be introduced by Aditya Ghosh	GICT Auditorium, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University

17:00 – 17:30	<i>Tea/ Coffee break</i>		Room 107, 110, University Centre, Central Campus
17:30 – 18:45	INAUGURAL SESSION Chair: Professor Pankaj Chandra , Vice Chancellor, Ahmedabad University Chief Guest: Dr Rajender Kumar , Secretary Tourism, Devasthanam Management, Civil Aviation & Pilgrimage, Industries & Mines Department, Government of Gujarat Guest of Honour: Dr Sachchidanand Joshi , Member Secretary, Academic and Executive Head, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts Distinguished Guest: Smt. Basanti Negi , Environmental Activist and Village Pradhan, Harsil, Uttarakhand		GICT Auditorium, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
18:45 – 19:45	Cultural Performance: Bon Bibi-r-pala , Pakhiralay Bhai Bhai Natya Sangasthan, Sunderbans, West Bengal		Amphitheatre, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
DAY 2- 15TH NOVEMBER 2025			
TIME	SESSIONS		VENUE
9:30 - 10:00	PLENARY: Madhav Gadgil , Ecologist, Founder of the Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science Session Chair: A. Damodaran , Professor, CHM, Ahmedabad University		Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
10:00 – 11:30	TECHNICAL SESSION 3: Traditional Knowledge Systems and Sustainability Session Chair: Janki Shah, Professor, CEE, Ahmedabad		Technical session 3- Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University Technical session 4- Room 113, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
	Ankur Jyoti Dutta: Resilient Heritage as Climate Infrastructure – Integrating Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Scientific Approaches for Delhi’s Urban Ecologies	TECHNICAL SESSION 4: Sustaining Cultural Landscapes Session Chair: Prof A Damodaran, Professor, CHM, Ahmedabad University Divya Vashishtha, Stuti Kushwah: Rethinking Conservation: Heritage and Nature Interaction	
	Namrata Anand Pulsay, Shaila Bantanur: Importance of Sacred Sites and their conservation and Management	Foram N. Bhatt, Aditya Jain: Investigating the Impact of Climate Change on the Cultural Landscapes of the Western Himalaya	
	Ragini Kapoor: Riparian Memories: Bridging Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Climate Science through the Poetics of the Ganga	Abhimanyu Pandey: The best of times, the worst of times: A tale of two Himalayan monasteries	
	Jaii Vinod Shrivardhankar: Sungsalee: A Living Eco-museum Model for Climate Resilience through Cultural and Ecological Heritage in North Sikkim	Praveen Kumar K: Iruliga Mortuary Traditions and Heritage Resilience in a Changing Landscape	
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Tea/ Coffee break</i>		Outside Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
11:45 – 12:15	PLENARY: Kiran Shinde , Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, La Trobe University, Australia Session Chair: Debashish Nayak , Founding Director, CHM, Ahmedabad University		Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
12:15 – 13:30	TECHNICAL SESSION 5: Sustainable Heritage Tourism Session Chair: Debashish Nayak, Founding Director, CHM, Ahmedabad University		Technical session 5- Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
	Bhawana Vasudeva: Heritage Governance, Climate Change and Crowd Dynamics: Integrating Environmental Resilience and Spiritual Experience at Pilgrimage.	TECHNICAL SESSION 6: Traditional Crafts and Sustainability Session Chair: Viloo Mirza, Design Strategist and Artisan Development Expert Priya Gautam: Climate Change Impacts on Traditional Textile Heritage: An Ecological Study of Khadi	

	Mandaramnuwara Chandananda: Practical trends in the heritage management of Ritigala as a mixed heritage site	Darshana Choudhary: Climate Threats to Traditional Minority Crafts in Northeast India: Case Studies on Silk, Bamboo, and Handloom Traditions	Technical session 6- Room 113, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
	Reha Paul, Saujanya Satyanarayan Guides as Gatekeepers	Samanata Kumar: Rethinking disaster preparedness and response: building resilience through heritage the case of Kullu district, Himachal Pradesh	
	Shivika Sharma, Rajvi Roy, Dhanya Viswanath Shaping Neglected Heritage Elements for Promoting Socially Inclusive Tourism: A Case of Dariapur		
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>		Gulmohar, University Centre, Ahmedabad University
14:30 - 15:00	PLENARY: Dr Sonali Ghosh , Field Director Kaziranga National Park, CEO, Assam agroforestry Development Board and Vice Chair of South Asia IUCN, World Commission on Protected Areas Session Chair: Minal Pathak , Professor at Global Centre for Environment and Energy, Ahmedabad University		Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
15:00 - 16:45	TECHNICAL SESSION 7: Local Ecological Knowledge and Climate Action Session Chair: Minal Pathak, Professor at Global Centre for Environment and Energy, Ahmedabad University		Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
	Uzma Khan, Daksh Jain, Hanisha Chottani: Enhancing climate justice through the lens of indigenous communities and their traditional knowledge systems		
	Jahanvi Sinha: Traditional Knowledge, Ecology and Heritage Resilience: The Case of Devaliya, Kutch		
	Antara Ray Climate Change, Cultural Heritage and Dalit Vulnerability		
	Somya Nain Bishnoi Indigenous Knowledge, Climate Change, and Heritage Sustainability: Lessons from the Bishnoi Community		
	Koumudi Malladi Listening to the Land: How Small Changes Unravel an Ecosystem		
16:45 – 17:00	<i>Tea/ Coffee break</i>		Outside Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
17:00 – 17:30	Evening Talk Ankit Sood : Tourism Industry Expert (Indian Himalayan Region) Chair: Sonali Gupta , Founder- Director, The Himalayan Institute for Cultural and Heritage Studies		Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
17:30 -18:00	Evening Talk Sanjay Pawar , Dharali Disaster Survivor and Social Activist Chair: Anjali Capila , former Professor of Development, Communication and Himalayan Studies, Lady Irwin College, Delhi University		Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
18:00 - 18:45	Film Screening- Tides of Life To be Introduced by Aditya Ghosh		Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
DAY 3- 16TH NOVEMBER 2025			

TIME	SESSIONS		Venue
9:30 - 10:00	Plenary: Alok Tripathi , Additional Director General, Archaeological Survey of India Chair: Pankaj Sharma , Director, Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Gujarat		Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
10:00 – 11:30	TECHNICAL SESSION 8: Maritime Heritage Session Chair: Pankaj Sharma, Director, Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Gujarat	TECHNICAL SESSION 9: Scientific Heritage Conservation Session Chair: Aditya Kanth, Professor CHM, Ahmedabad University	Technical session 8- Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
	Sila Tripathi: Preserving the Past: A Case Study	Monika Thenua: पावन धरोहर और बदलता आसमान: राजस्थान के भरतपुर के मंदिरों एवं लोहागढ़ किले पर जलवायु परिवर्तन का प्रभाव और संरक्षण की रणनीतियाँ	Technical session 9- Room 113, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
	Manashini: Mapping and Assessing the Maritime Heritage of India's Coromandel Coast	Saumya Krishna, Sukriti: Against the heat: Analysing the climatic adaptivity of Rajputana heritage	
	Khushie Bhulla: The impact of environmental degradation on tradition: An ethnographic study of the Kharwa fishers of Veraval	Neerja D Nauratra: Adaptive reuse of a heritage building: A Surat castle	
	Manindra Kulkarni, Vaibhavi Kulkarni: Climate Change and Coastal Heritage: A Comparative Assessment of Sindhudurg, Vijaydurg and Aguada Forts	Anasuya Gupta, Ramyani Sengupta: Assessing Climate Change Impacts on Inland Heritage- A Case Study of Hazira Maqbara, Vadodara	
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Tea/ Coffee break</i>		Outside Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
11:45 – 12:15	Plenary: Ehud Halperin , Professor, Department of East Asian Studies at Tel Aviv University Chair: Molly Kaushal , Director, CHM, Ahmedabad University		Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
12:15 - 12:45	Plenary: Amitabh Pande , Director, National Museum of Humankind, Bhopal Chair: Suchismita Das , Professor, SAS, Ahmedabad University		Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
12:45 - 13:15	Interactions with Gond Artists Moderated by Students, CHM		TBD
13:15 – 14:15	<i>Lunch</i>		Gulmohar, University Centre, Ahmedabad University
14:15 – 15:30	TECHNICAL SESSION 10: Religion and Ecology Session Chair: Molly Kaushal, Director, CHM, Ahmedabad University	TECHNICAL SESSION 11: Scientific Heritage Conservation Session Chair: Sujata Parsai, Director, LD Museum, Ahmedabad	Technical session 10- Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University
	Lopamudra Maitra: Narratives about shape-shifting creatures from Indian folklore- Theriantrophy and embedded information about ecological balance and stability of existence	Mrinmoyee Ray: Can Brick Temples Bridge the Gaps: Heritage Management and Bengal Temples	
	Prachi Petwal: Jagar as Heritage: Embodied Ritual, Ecological Memory, and the Sustainability of Intangible Traditions in Uttarakhand	Maitri Sheth: Negotiating Economics and Authenticity: A Case of Community-Led Conservation of a Heritage Temple in Maharashtra Using Modern Materials	

	<p>Sonali Gupta: Trance on the Fault Line: The Deity's Shamans Sound the Climate Alarm in the Western Himalayas</p>	<p>Hiren Shah: Houseum: A House Museum Model for Climate-Conscious Cultural Heritage Preservation</p>	<p>Technical session 11- Room 113, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University</p>
	<p>Poornima Kotagal: Sustaining Nature-Culture Linkages Through Inclusive Heritage Interpretation - Case of Devrais of Maharashtra</p>	<p>Longle Ci: Protecting the East Main Hall of Foguang Temple under Climate Change: An Oral History-Based Assessment and Adaptive Recommendations</p>	
<p>15:30 – 17:00</p>	<p>Poets' Meet Sukrita Paul Kumar, S R Harnot, Mahadev Toppo, Kaladhar Mutwa, Parwati Tirkey, Govind Nishad Moderator: Abhay Mishra, Author and Environmental Journalist, IGNCA, New Delhi</p>		<p>Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University</p>
<p>17:00 - 18:00</p>	<p>Valedictory Session Session Chair: Professor Devanath Tirupati, Executive Provost, Ahmedabad University Valedictory Address: Ashoke Chatterjee, Advisor-Editor, Journal for Heritage Management, CHM, Ahmedabad University Vote of Thanks: Aditya Prakash Kanth, Professor, CHM, Ahmedabad University Certificate Distribution</p>		<p>Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University</p>
<p>18:00 onwards</p>	<p><i>Tea/coffee</i></p>		<p>Outside Room 004, SAS Building, Central Campus, Ahmedabad University</p>