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TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE 2025

Exploring key policy challenges in global trade and environmental regulations, their impact on India's industries, and strategic responses

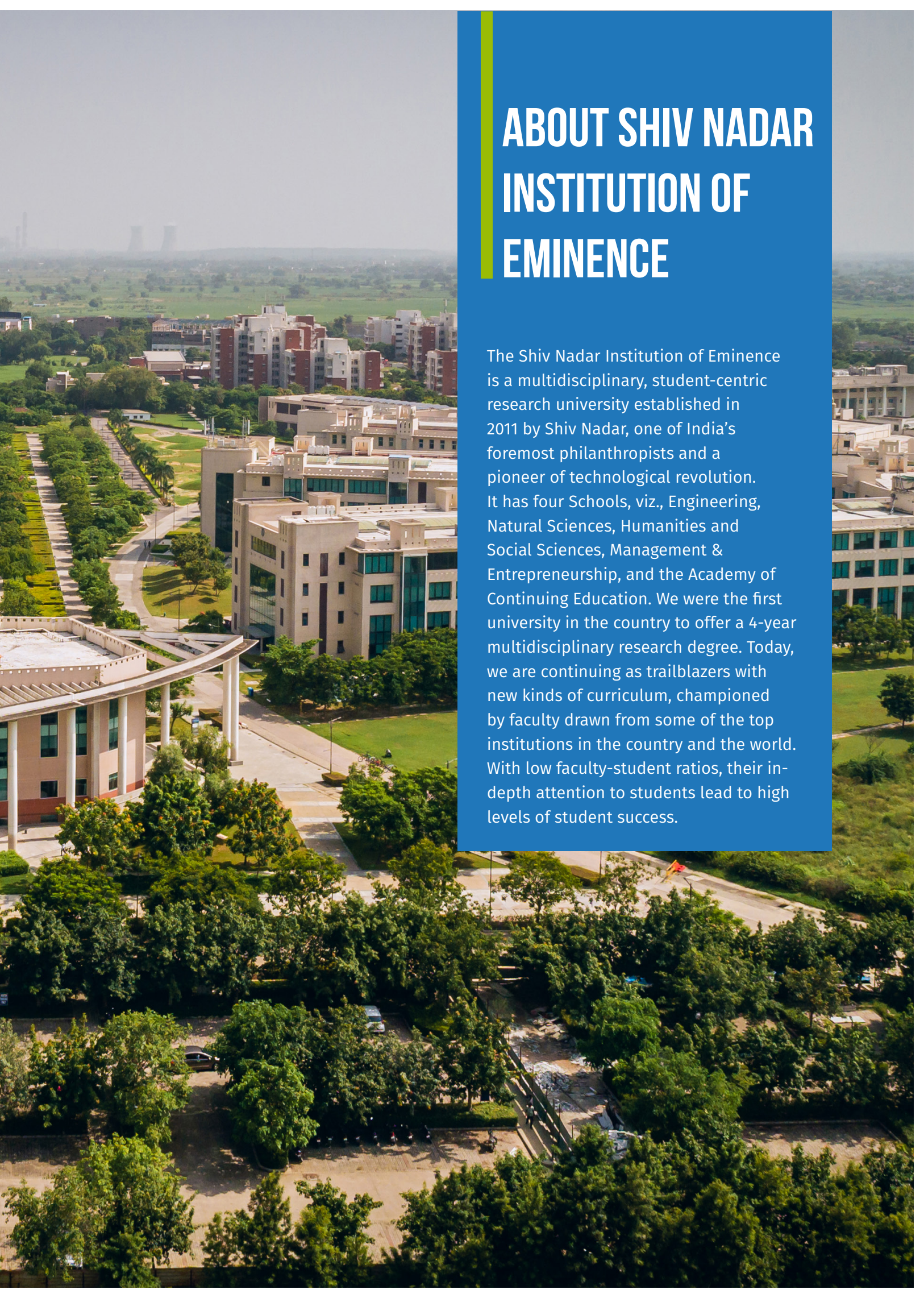


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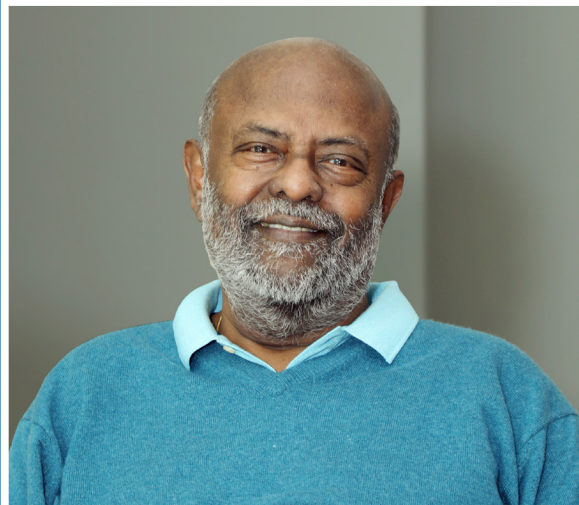
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An aerial photograph of the Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence campus. The image shows a large, modern university complex with multiple buildings, green lawns, and a wide, tree-lined walkway. In the background, there are industrial structures like cooling towers under a hazy sky. The foreground is filled with lush green trees and a paved area.

ABOUT SHIV NADAR INSTITUTION OF EMINENCE

The Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence is a multidisciplinary, student-centric research university established in 2011 by Shiv Nadar, one of India's foremost philanthropists and a pioneer of technological revolution. It has four Schools, viz., Engineering, Natural Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Management & Entrepreneurship, and the Academy of Continuing Education. We were the first university in the country to offer a 4-year multidisciplinary research degree. Today, we are continuing as trailblazers with new kinds of curriculum, championed by faculty drawn from some of the top institutions in the country and the world. With low faculty-student ratios, their in-depth attention to students lead to high levels of student success.

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

The Department of Economics at Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, established in 2012, is recognized as one of India's leading centres for economics education and research. It focuses on high-quality research that empowers citizens and broadens the discipline's horizons.

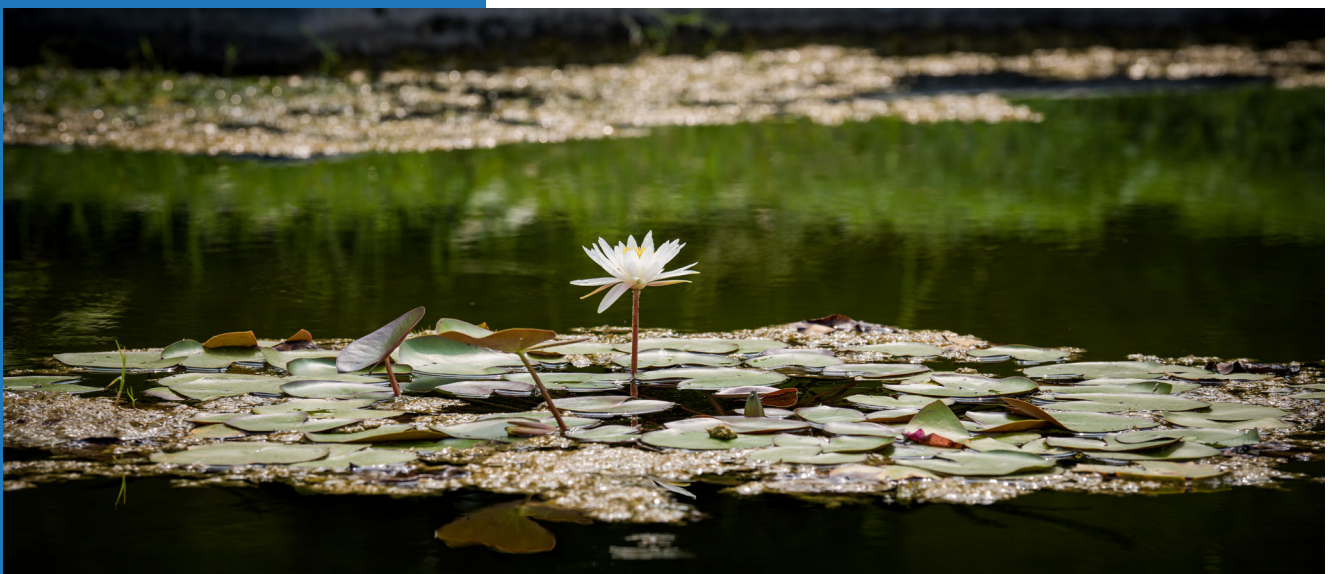
The faculty engages in various sub-disciplines, including economic theory, macroeconomics, applied economics, and more. The department nurtures rigorous training in mathematical and computational skills, preparing students to tackle societal challenges with innovative solutions.

Undergraduate programs include a B.Sc. in Economics and a B.Sc. in Economics and Finance, along with a minor in economics. Graduate offerings include an M.Sc. and a Ph.D. in economics, both designed to expose students to cutting-edge research and equip them for successful careers.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

India's trade is a key driver of its global economic presence, fueled by its manufacturing, services, and agricultural exports. As an active player in international trade agreements and supply chains, India's competitiveness is increasingly influenced by evolving environmental regulations and trade policies. Measures like recent U.S. tariffs, the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), and global sustainability standards pose challenges for Indian firms. Adapting to stringent environmental norms and tariff structures is crucial for securing market access and ensuring long-term economic stability. Integrating sustainability into trade policies—through cleaner production, renewable energy adoption, and carbon pricing—is essential for strengthening India's global standing.

Recognizing the significance of these issues, the Department of Economics at SNIOE, in collaboration with the Centre for WTO Studies and the Delhi School of Economics, is organizing the *Trade and Environment Conference* on March 21-22, 2025. This two-day event will bring together academics and policymakers to discuss key challenges and emerging trends at the intersection of trade and environmental policy.



CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The discussion will explore key policy challenges arising from emerging global trade and environmental regulations and their implications for India's industry, agriculture, and service sectors. It will also examine critical issues influencing India's trade negotiations, such as sustainability requirements, regulatory compliance, and strategic policy responses.

The conference aims to provide a platform for scholars and policymakers to engage in meaningful discussions on both theoretical and empirical aspects of these issues. The papers presented will analyze the economic and institutional dimensions of trade and environmental policies, offering insights into their broader impact on India's trade and economic landscape.

Additionally, we hope to build a strong repository of research papers that will serve as a valuable resource for future researchers in trade and environment, fostering continued dialogue and policy development in this critical area.



SPEAKER DETAILS



Inaugural

SHRI B.V.R. SUBRAHMANYAM

Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog, Govt

An Indian Administrative Service Officer of 1987 batch (Chhattisgarh cadre), Shri Subrahmanyam has held important assignments over the last three decades in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Jammu & Kashmir, along with a stint at The World Bank. He has been Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Chief Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir, Principal Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, and has held positions in the Prime Minister's Office.



RAJAT KATHURIA

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Professor, Department of Economics

Professor Rajat Kathuria joined Shiv Nadar University as Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of Economics on April 1, 2021. With over 20 years of teaching experience and 15 years in economic policy, he has conducted extensive research on regulation and competition policy. Previously, he was Director at ICRIER and taught at the University of Maryland and IMI, New Delhi. He has also worked with the World Bank and various international organizations. His published work appears in esteemed journals, and he serves on several industry and government committees. He holds degrees from St. Stephen's College, Delhi School of Economics, and the University of Maryland.

SPEAKER DETAILS



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He was the RBI Professor of Industrial Economics and Director at the Centre Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta and First Sukhamay Chakravarty Professor at Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He is also a former Vice Chancellor of the Calcutta University.

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He has published more than 150 papers in journals such as the American Economic Review, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Development Economics, European Economic Review , Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Economic Theory, International Economic Review, Canadian Journal of Economics. Economic Inquiry, Economica , Oxford Economic papers, NATURE Climate Change, PLOS One, Indian Journal of Physics, European Physical Journal, etc.

Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Springer-Nature have published his books and edited volumes. He edits the South Asian Journal of Macroeconomics and Public Finance (SAGE Pub.)

He received the Mahalanobis Gold Medal of the Indian Econometric Society in 2002, the most coveted award for economists in India and the VKRV Rao National Prize as a young Social Scientist in 2003, among very few to receive both awards. In 2018 he was nominated as the Distinguished (University wide) Visiting Fellow from Asia at the Queen Mary University of London.

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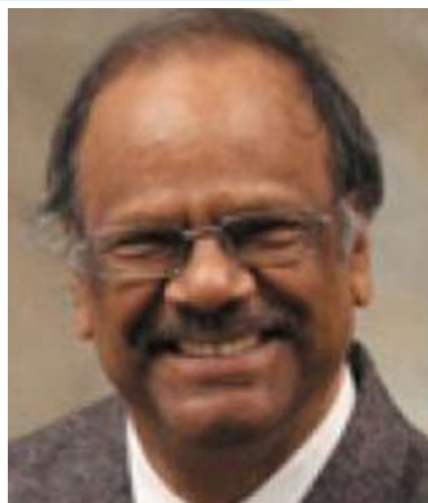
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He has been teaching at the Centre of International Trade and Development at JNU for more than a quarter of a century. He teaches mainly Macroeconomics, both open and closed, but has also taught Investment Finance and Development Economics. He has also worked at the World Bank and the IMF. His publications are in his main areas of research interest, namely international economics and development economics, though he has publications also in the area of environmental economics and international political economy.



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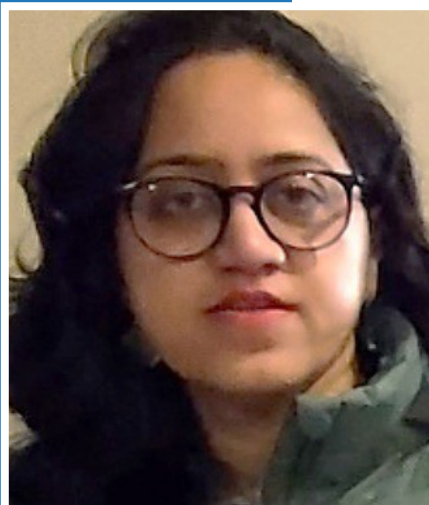


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DAY WISE SCHEDULE | MARCH 21-22, 2025

Timing	Session Details	Session Chair	Speaker	Discussant
DAY 1				
9:00 - 9:45	Inaugural		<p>Welcome Address : Rajat Kathuria Dean and Professor, SHSS</p> <hr/> <p>Inaugural Address : BVR Subramanyam: CEO NITI Aayog</p> <hr/> <p>Closing Remarks Punarjit Roychowdhury Head of Department - Economics</p> <p>Pritam Banerjee Head, Centre for WTO Studies, IIFT</p> <hr/> <p>Vote of Thanks Manoj Pant Visiting Professor Dept of Economics</p>	
9:45-10:00	Tea			
10:00-11:45	Session 1	Manmohan Aggarwal	<p>Sugata Marjit</p> <p>Dibyendu Maiti and Amrita Saha</p> <p>Ranjabati Chakraborti and Rajat Acharya</p>	<p>Aparna Sawhney</p> <p>Sugandha C Huria</p> <p>Uday Sinha</p>
11:45 - 12:00	Tea			
12:00 - 01:45	Session 2	Rajat Kathuria	<p>C. Veeramani</p> <p>Deepika Srivastava and M Rahul</p> <p>Aaheli Ahmed</p>	<p>Meeta Mehra</p> <p>Raavi Aggarwal</p> <p>Manmohan Aggarwal</p>
01:45 - 02:30	Lunch			
02:30 - 03:30	Keynote	Manoj Pant	Pierre Sauvé	
03:30 - 03:45	Tea			

03:45 - 05:30	Session 3	Pritam Banerjee	Sonia Pant	Shagufta Naaz
			Debashis Chakraborty	Hari Maya Gurung
			Neha Gupta and Papiya Ghosh	Ashokankur Dutta
DAY 2				
07:00 - 08:00		Biodiversity Park Walkthrough		
09:30 - 10:00		Tea/Breakfast		
10:00 - 11:45	Session 1	Shampa Bhattacharjee	Subhasree Sarkar	Saheli Das
			Cheshta Grover	Aparna/Piyali
			Raavi Aggarwal	Arka Roy Chaudhuri
11:45 - 12:00		Tea		
12:00 - 01:45	Session 2	Ram Ranjan	Bineet Kaur and Sugandha C Huria	Anshika
			Aparna Sawhney and Piyali Majumder	Cheshta Grover
			Somesh K Mathur	Vijay Ojha
01:45 - 02:30		Lunch		
02:30 - 04:15	Session 3	Preetam Banerjee	Neha Gupta and Sugandha C Huria	Simran Khosla
			Vishaka Srivastava & Kamyā Vishwanath	
			Srinka Bose	Saptarshee Mandal
04:15 - 04:30		Tea		
04:30 - 05:15	Plenary	Punarjit Roychowdhury	Rajat Kathuria, Manoj Pant and Pritam Banerjee	



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