

Overview

The Summer of 2022 witnessed an unprecedented heat wave across India. It began unusually early from the beginning of March and even places like Himachal, otherwise cooler than the rest of India, felt the extreme heat.

Bengaluru, a city of gardens and lakes, has also been seeing the mercury rising uncomfortably high in the recent past. Will Indian cities continue to burn like this in the future? Can we, the greedy humans endlessly chasing 'material development', ever stop? Hasn't the frightening speed of urbanisation impacted our once-green cities? Is there anyone who is responsible for conserving urban biodiversity? Can't urban planners, engineers, contractors and policy makers be more sympathetic towards saving urban biodiversity?

Ironically, in the last two decades since the Biological Diversity Act 2002 came into being, more and more cities have turned brown and their air polluted. At NCUBC, we will seriously deliberate on how NOT to destroy urban biodiversity. We need to sensitize various agencies and city managers to protect our urban lakes, wells, large parks, small rivers, birds, insects, butterflies, bees, trees, shrubs, grasslands and other lands.

The NCUBC-2022 aims at arresting this dangerous trend of man-made destruction of our natural heritage across cities--big and small. We must resolve to protect and conserve our urban biodiversity at any cost. We have no other choice, for that's the only way to protect ourselves. Cities just can't be touted as 'Growth Engines'. They are much more !



The Nature Volunteers is a 30-year old Environment CSO of Madhya Pradesh which has been working in the field of ornithology, wetland conservation, urban issues, and advocacy.

It is co-founded by 'Padma Shri' Bhalu Mondhe, a nature photographer and artist and Abhilash Khandekar, a renowned, award winning political and environment journalist who has travelled far and wide. He is member of MP Wildlife Board and is on IIFM Board of Governors.



1st NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON URBAN BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

5th-6th August, 2022
Hotel Radisson Blu, Indore
Keshar Parvat, Mhow, (Indore)

Our Partners



Urban Biodiversity

According to Mamrot - Urban biodiversity refers to the variety of living organisms, including their genetic variations, as well as the multiplicity of habitats in and around dense human settlements.

<https://wwf.ca/habitat/urban-areas/>

"When we save the frogs we are protecting all our wildlife, all our ecosystems and all humans" - Dr Kerry Kriger



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"WITHOUT BIODIVERSITY
URBANSAPES ARE DEAD"

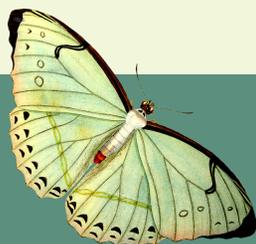
The objective of the two-day conference is to sensitise the urban communities on why we need urban biodiversity and its importance in our lives and to turn the spotlight on Urban Biodiversity Conservation.

The sub-objectives of the conference are:

- To provide a platform to share the best practices from across the country on urban biodiversity conservation
- To develop a framework to work on urban biodiversity conservation
- To sensitise urban communities and urban bureaucracy on urban biodiversity conservation
- To help implement State Action Plans across the country

Expected outcomes from the conference

- To create a functional ecosystem to work on urban biodiversity conservation
- To list out and document success stories in the form of conference proceedings
- To release the Indore Declaration on Urban Biodiversity Conservation



What is Biodiversity?

Biodiversity is all the different kinds of life you'll find in one area—the variety of animals, plants, fungi, and even microorganisms like bacteria that make up our natural world. Each of these species and organisms work together in ecosystems, like an intricate web, to maintain balance and support life. Biodiversity supports everything in nature that we need to survive: food, clean water, medicine, and shelter.

*<https://www.worldwildlife.org/pages/what-is-biodiversity>

Conference Programme*

Day One:

Registration - 09.30 to 10.00 am

Inaugural - 10.00 to 11.00 am

- Session I : Climate Biodiversity in Urban Areas (by NIUA)
- Session II : Ecology in Metropolitan Regions - Tools, Processes and Policy Interventions (by ICLEI)
- Session III : Role of Local Bodies in Urban Biodiversity Conservation (by MPSBB)
- Session IV : Urban wetlands - Challenges in Conservation (by TNV)
- Session V : Promoting Biodiversity in Urban Landscapes (by WWF)

Day Two:

Field Visit : 07.30 am

- Sirpur Lake
- Keshar Parvat, Mhow (Indore)
- Session I : Conserving Urban Traditional Water Sources - Means to Protect Climate & Biodiversity (by EPCO)
- Session II : Urban Forest (by Anand Van)
- Session III : Reading The Book of Nature (by Pradip Krishen)
- Valedictory session : Release of Indore Declaration on Urban Biodiversity Conservation

*Subject to last minute changes, if any

Urban Biodiversity hotspots of Indore



Nearest tourist places and distances

Maheshwar	95 kms	Patalpani	35 kms	Mandu	97 kms
Omkareshwar	78 kms	Kalakund	39 kms	Dhar	60 kms
Ujjain	55 kms	Janapav	47 kms	Jamgate	51 kms

MP State's Natural Heritage



Rivers of Indore

- Chambal
- Kanh
- Gambhir
- Chandrbhaga
- Saraswati
- Kshipra
- Choral

