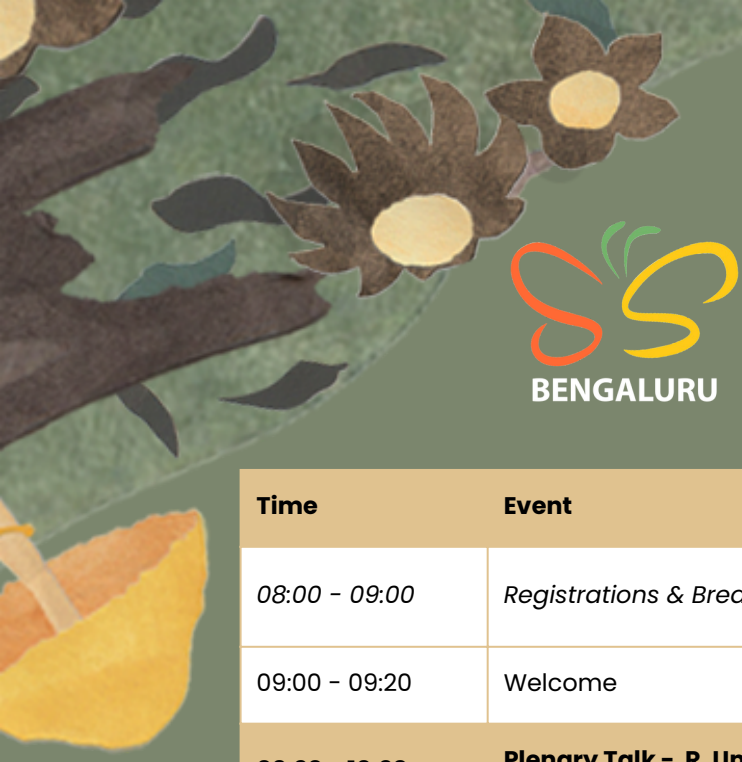




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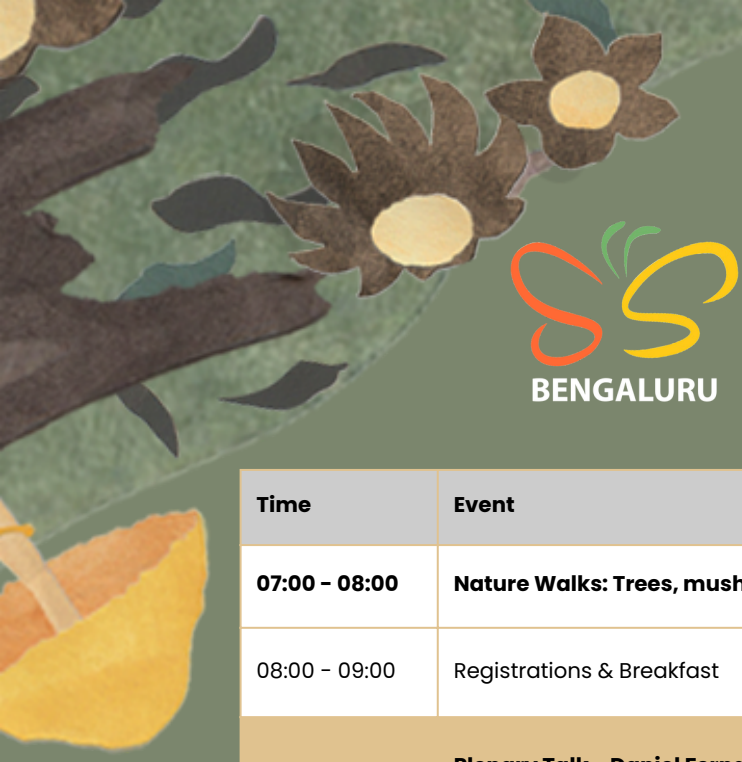
Time	Event		Venue
08:00 – 09:00	Registrations & Breakfast		J N TATA – Lobby & Dining Hall
09:00 – 09:20	Welcome		J N TATA Auditorium
09:20 – 10:20	Plenary Talk – R. Uma Shaanker Who Is the Plant? Rethinking Plant Ecology in a Microbial World		J N TATA Auditorium
10:20 – 11:00	Session on POSH		J N TATA Auditorium
11:00 – 11:20	Tea Break		J N TATA – Dining Hall
11:20 – 13:00	Student Talks: Session 1		J N TATA Auditorium
11:20 – 11:40	Elephants Beyond Protected Areas: Disentangling Core and Flexible Drivers of Habitat Selection in the Human-Dominated Landscape of Golaghat Northeast India		Amlanaditya Goswami
11:40 – 12:00	Stripes and Strife: Patterns and Drivers of Tiger Conflict in Vidarbha Landscape Maharashtra India		Advaita Ravindran
12:00 – 12:20	Beyond tree planting: A Decision framework for restoring Myristica swamps using ecohydrological thresholds and socio-ecological insights		Priya Ranganathan
12:20 – 12:40	Comparative Evaluation of QSM Algorithms for Aboveground Biomass Estimation in Tropical Forests Using Terrestrial LiDAR		Marc Aurel Kamdem Simo
12:40 – 13:00	Socio-Ecological and Economic Valuation of the Greater Hesaraghatta Grassland Ecosystem: Integrating Traditional Stewardship with Conservation Reserve Management		Ashwin A
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break		J N TATA – Dining Hall
14:00 – 16:30	Short Workshops	Resource Person	Venue
S1	Research with fishers and other ecological knowledge holders	Andrea Phillott, Chetan Rao	Biochemistry Lecture Hall
S2	Nature Guide's Toolkit: Observation, Interpretation & Storytelling	Aksheeta Mahapatra, Rahuldev Rajguru, Guru Prasad KR	CES Seminar Hall
S3	Crafting Conservation Careers: The good, the bad, the ugly	Pankaj Koparde, Anushka Rege	J N Tata Seminar Hall C
S4	Tree Identification and Phenology: Basic Workshop	Sayee Girdhari, Rishika K	J N Tata Seminar Hall B
S5	Study design in ecology and conservation	Kavita Isvaran	CES Conference Room
S6	Beyond Words: Using Dance, Movement, and Expression for Science Communication	Priya Ranganathan	J N Tata Auditorium
S7	Making field-data collection easier: An Intro to Epicollect and ODK	Sanath R M, Abhirami C	CES Lotka Voltera
S8	Tangled Data, Tangible Tales: Ecological Data Art	Sambita Modak, Chandrima Home	CES Class Room
S9	Games for Nature & Conservation	Peeyush Sekhsaria, Priti Bangal, Taniya Buragohain, Dikshya Bharadwaj	J N Tata Seminar Hall A
S10	Using behavioural science and design thinking for conservation action	Arjun Kamdar, Tejaswini Nagesh	CES Reading Room
16:30 – 16:50	Tea Break		J N TATA – Dining Hall
16:50 – 18:00	Student Posters – Session 1		J N TATA – Lobby
18:00 – 19:00	Popular Plenary – N. S. K. Harsh Welcome to the Beautiful and Mysterious World of Fungi aka Mushrooms		J N TATA Auditorium
19:00 – 20:00	Ice breaker Dinner		J N TATA – Dining Hall
20:00 – 21:00	Nocturnal Nature Walks: Frogs, bats, lorises, insects and more.		IISc Campus



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Day 2: 29th September 2026

Time	Event		Venue
07:00 – 08:00	Nature Walks: Trees, mushrooms, birds and more		IISc Campus
08:00 – 09:00	Registrations & Breakfast		J N TATA – Lobby & Dining Hall
09:00 – 11:30	Long Workshops	Resource Person	Venue
L1	Studying animal behaviour and its role in conservation	Devica Ranade, Ishika Ramakrishna, Samira Agnihotri	J N Tata Seminar Hall A
L2	Plant Identification: Advanced Workshop	Sayee Girdhari, Arun Kumar N, Bibidishananda Basu, Gauravya Mohan, Rishika K	J N Tata Auditorium
L3	Understanding the nuances of Fellowships and Grants writing in Ecology and Conservation	Sabuj Bhattacharyya, Monica Kaushik, Chandrima Home	J N Tata Seminar Hall C
L4	Qualitative Research in Conservation: Power, Positionality and Practice	Budhaditya Das, Venkat Ramanujam	J N Tata Seminar Hall B
L5	Introduction to GIS & Mapping using QGIS	Biswa Bhusana Mahapatra	CES Class Room
L6	Thorny subjects: Conducting interviews on conservation-induced conflict	Madhuri Ramesh, Sagarika Phalke	CES Reading Room
L7	Crafting Narratives for a Fragile World	Megha Moorthy, Radhika Raj	CES Conference Room
L8	Analysing count data – fitting and interpreting Generalised Linear Models (GLMs)	Kavita Isvaran	CES Lotka Voltera
L9	Building Low-Cost Ecological Monitoring Tools: From Sensors to Field Deployment	Rakesh Khanna A	CES Seminar Hall
L10	You have data. What now? Statistical thinking, R programming and making meaning from data in conservation science	Akshay Surendra, Samarth Jain, Akhila CK	Lecture Hall 2, Physics Department
11:30 – 11:50	Tea Break		J N TATA – Dining Hall
11:50 – 13:00	Long Workshops		
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break		J N TATA – Dining Hall
14:00 – 16:30	Long Workshops		
16:30 – 16:50	Tea Break		J N TATA – Dining Hall
16:50 – 18:00	Who's Who in Conservation – Session 1		J N TATA – Lobby
18:00 – 19:00	Careers in Conservation – Panel Discussion		J N Tata Auditorium
19:00 – 20:00	Nocturnal Nature Walks: Frogs, bats, lorises, insects and more.		IISc Campus



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Day 3: 30th September 2026

Time	Event		Venue
07:00 – 08:00	Nature Walks: Trees, mushrooms, birds and more		IISc Campus
08:00 – 09:00	Registrations & Breakfast		J N TATA – Lobby & Dining Hall
09:00 – 10:00	Plenary Talk – Daniel Fernando From Data to Decisions: Science, Trade, and the Politics of Saving Sharks and Rays		J N TATA Auditorium
10:00 – 12:00	Student Talks – Session 2		J N TATA Auditorium
10:00 – 10:20	Recultivation and destruction of surrounding remnants slows biodiversity recovery in post-agricultural savannas in the tropics.		Siddhant Mhetre
10:20 – 10:40	Human–Wildlife Coexistence and Gendered Conservation Practices in the East Kolkata Wetlands		Sayani Barman
10:40 – 11:00	Hidden Endemism in Sri Lanka’s Central Highlands: Conservation Implications from a Phylogenetic Study of Rhene Thorell 1869		Thakshila Herath
11:00 – 11:20	Tea Break		J N TATA – Dining Hall
11:20 – 11:40	Habitat and High Mortality Rates of Dugong Beyond Fisheries Management Areas (FMAs) in Northwest Sri Lanka		Imani Lakshani
11:40 – 12:00	Human–Snake Conflict in Agricultural Landscapes of Hunsur Karnataka: Patterns Perceptions and Mitigation Strategies		Poorvi
12:00 – 12:15	Group Photo		J N TATA Entrance
12:15 – 13:00	Who’s Who in Conservation – Session 2		J N TATA – Lobby
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break		J N TATA – Dining Hall
14:00 – 16:30	Short Workshops	Resource Person	Venue
S1	The Right Plot says a Lot: How to Visualise Results Effectively	Arpit Omprakash, Gokul Valiya Parambil	CES Class Room
S2	Mycelial Entanglements: Through Waste, Words and Woods	Biplab Mahato, Milla den Hollander, Siddharth Fitwe, Nitha Fathima Nazir	CES Seminar Hall
S3	Using eBird Data for Ecology and Conservation	Faizee Ali Khan, Alen Alex, Zeba Madani	CES Reading room
S4	Making friends with R: a beginner’s workshop for ecologists and conservationists	Deyatima Ghosh, Sruthi Unnikrishnan	CES Conference Room
S5	The Knowledge of Nature, and the Nature of Knowledge – Rethinking Knowledge Systems in Conservation Science	Harshad Sambamurthy	Biochemistry Lecture Hall
S6	Make your own Protected Area Update	Pankaj Sekhsaria, Reshma Jathar	J N Tata Seminar Hall B
S7	No Boat, No Problem: a practical approach to designing marine field research under constraints	Bharat Ahuja, Titus Immanuel	J N Tata Auditorium
S8	Messy field data to elegant graphs – basics of cleaning, summarising and plotting data using tidyverse in R	Arpitha Jayanth, Rama Narayanan	CES Lotka Voltera
S9	Designing Ecological Restoration: From Principles to Practice	Abhishek Paliwal, Satish Kumar Sharma	J N Tata Seminar Hall A
S10	Bat acoustic data recording, processing, and analyses: new approaches and automation	Kadambari Deshpande, Vedant Barje	J N Tata Seminar Hall C
16:30 – 16:50	Tea Break		J N TATA – Dining Hall
16:50 – 18:00	Student Posters: Session 2		J N TATA – Lobby
18:00 – 19:00	Popular Plenary – Divya Vasudev Elephants in our backyard: conservation dreams and lived realities		J N TATA Auditorium
19:15 – 20:15	Traditional Kathputli Show – Ram Lal Bhatt and Troupe – A traditional Kathputli (puppet) performance exploring themes of environment, conservation, and harmony.		J N Tata Auditorium



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Day 4: 1st October 2026

Time	Event		Venue
08:00 – 09:00	Registrations & Breakfast		J N TATA – Lobby & Dining Hall
09:00 – 10:00	Plenary Talk – Devapriya Chattopadhyay Sea of change: Marine biodiversity from deep past to uncertain future		J N TATA Auditorium
10:00 – 12:00	Student Talks – Session 3		J N TATA Auditorium
10:00 – 10:20	Spatial and temporal partitioning between leopards and pilgrims in a shared landscape of Tirumala-Tirupati Devasthanam Area Andhra Pradesh.		Ankita Sharma
10:20 – 10:40	A Safe Haven at Night: Is Our Insect Conservation Model Going in Right Direction?		Tista Betal
10:40 – 11:00	Population Status and Spatial Distribution of Western Hoolock Gibbon (Hoolock hoolock) in Rajkandi Reserve Forest Northeast Bangladesh		Atikul Mithu
11:00 – 11:20	Tea Break		J N TATA – Dining Hall
11:20 – 11:40	Metabarcoding Insights into Coral Bacterial Community Structure Across Bleaching States and Restoration Strategies in Shimoni Kenya		Salome Chemutai
11:40 – 12:00	Understanding the impact of climate change on forest regeneration: how life-history traits mediate seedling response to drought stress		Gayathri M
12:00 – 13:00	Birds of A Feather: Themed Networking Session		J N TATA Premises
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break		J N TATA – Dining Hall
14:00 – 16:30	Short Workshops	Resource Person	Venue
S1	Exploring Restoration Through the Lens of TGBS (The Global Biodiversity Standard)	Isha Bhate, Milla den Hollander, Sanjana Radhakrishnan	Biochemistry Lecture Hall
S2	Inking Nature: A Nature Journaling Workshop	Sambita Modak	J N Tata Seminar Hall C
S3	Environmental Theatre – Art based outreach to Schools , Colleges and Genral Public	Vikram Sridhar	J N Tata – Dining Lobby
S4	Necropsy as a tool for Conservation	Suranjana Ganguly, Manya Kotera	CES Conference Room
S5	Archives of Wildlife Past: Using historical records for ecological research	Anjali Ramachandran, Nisha Bhakat	J N Tata Seminar Hall B
S6	Language and Ecology – Communicating Nature Through Local Languages	P. Jeganathan, Pooja Pawar	J N Tata Seminar Hall A
S7	Living Landmarks: How Communities Shape and Are Shaped by Water	Sneha Shahi, Vidhya Vigashini, Aayush Vasava	CES Reading Room
S8	Who Speaks for Fungi?: Fungal Ethics and Traditional Ecological Knowledge	Prithvi, Malavika Bhatia	J N Tata Auditorium
S9	Messy field data to elegant graphs – basics of cleaning, summarising and plotting data using tidyverse in R	Arpitha Jayanth, Rama Narayanan	CES Lotka Voltera
S10	Combating Cyber-enabled Wildlife Crime through Citizen Science Initiatives and Open Source Intelligence	Monesh Singh Tomar, Shankar Prakash	CES Seminar Hall
S11	Foundations of Conservation Education	Priyanka Prakash, Vena Kapoor	CES Class Room
16:30 – 16:50	Tea Break		J N TATA – Dining Hall
16:50 – 18:00	Popular Plenary – S. Gopikrishna Warriier Life is a story, why shouldn't research be one too?		J N Tata Auditorium
18:00 – 19:00	Closing Ceremony		J N Tata Auditorium