

**Himalaya Calling 2025: 9-11 September 2025**  
*Hosted by Himalayan Institute for Learning & Leadership (HILL)*

**Day 1 – Tuesday, 9 September 2025**

Time	Session Title	Chair / Keynote	Venue	Link
10:30 – 12:30	Inauguration & Exhibition	Inauguration by Honourable Governor of Uttarakhand	MAC Hall	
Exhibition: Products of Himalayas, 400+ products available at competitive price ranging from crafts, food, mementos, bags etc. 9-11 Sept, 10 am to 6 pm				
12:30 – 2:00	ESG and Livelihood Security for Mountain Farmers & Artisans	Chair: Dr. Rajesh Tripathi	SoB Audi	<a href="https://hillupes.com/dr-rajesh-tripathi-2025">https://hillupes.com/ dr-rajesh-tripathi- 2025</a>
Key Speakers: Ms. Richa Ghansiyal (Co-founder at Alaya Design Studio), Pankaj Gupta (Co-Founder, Earth Essentials and Abhinandan Group)				
2:00 – 5:00	Innovative Solutions for Himalayan Food Security	Chair: Dr. Himanshi Jangir	SoHST	<a href="https://hillupes.com/dr-himanshi-jangir-2025">https://hillupes.com/ dr-himanshi-jangir- 2025</a>
Key Speakers: Dr. Prem Chand Sharma Padma Shri Awardee, Mr. Jay Prakash Sharma (Additional Chief Program Executive, BAIF Development Research Foundation, Pune), Ms. Sahana Ghosh (Associate Editor, Nature India), Dr. Geetanjali Angmo (Founder & CEO, HIAL, Ladakh), Dr. Badrish Mehra				
2:00 – 5:00	Strengthening Disaster Resilience in the Himalayas	Chair: Dr. Sanjay Bhutani	TRUST	<a href="https://hillupes.com/dr-sanjay-bhutani-2025">https://hillupes.com/ dr-sanjay-bhutani- 2025</a>
Key Speakers: Mr. Himanshu Pant (ED, Chief HSE, ONGC), Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Gairola (Former Head, D M & M, IITR), Dr. Piyoosh Rautela (Executive Director DMMC & USDMA), Dr. Naveen Raj (Advisor, OISD, New Delhi), Dr Pavithra Ganeshu (Lecturer, University of Salford, UK)				
2:00 – 5:00	Srot se Sangam Adhyayan: A Landscape Journey	Chair: Dr. Chinmaya Shah	HILL	<a href="https://hillupes.com/mr-chinmaya-shah-2025">https://hillupes.com/ mr-chinmaya-shah- 2025</a>
Key Speakers: Mr. Chandan Dangi (Senior Member PAHAR), Mr. Bhaskar Upreti (Co-Ordinator Azim Prem Ji Foundation), Mr. Gajendra Rautela (Head Master, Primary School, Agastya Muni), Ms. Damini Pant (University of California), Ms. Prakreti Mukherjee (Ph.D. Scholar University of Colorado, USA), Ms. Aakansha Chettri (Educator in Dharamshala), Mr. Shankar Singh Bisht (Founder Himgiri Green Foundation), Ms. Ankita Ojha (Ph.D. Scholar JNU, New Delhi)				

2:00 – 5:00	Energy Security, Climate Adaptation & Equitable Growth	Chair: Dr. Annapurna Boruah	AB 1	<a href="https://hillupes.com/dr-annapurna-025#461d8d3d-96a9-4218-968c-32af99a6ba76">https://hillupes.com/dr-annapurna-025#461d8d3d-96a9-4218-968c-32af99a6ba76</a>
Key Speakers: Dr. V.C. Thakur, Padma Shri Awardee, Ravi Martolia (Founder & CEO of Reverclean Energy)				
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Mountain Communities and Sustainable Livelihoods	Chair: Dr. Amit Kumar Chawla	SoAE	<a href="https://hillupes.com/dr-amit-chawla-2025">https://hillupes.com/dr-amit-chawla-2025</a>
Key Speakers: Dr. Madhur Anand (Professor & Director, Global Ecological Change & Sustainability Laboratory, School of Environmental Sciences, University of Guelph, Canada), Mr. Sebastian Winkler (International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC), Hungary), Dr. Maria Vittoria Diamanti (Department of chemistry, Politecnico di Milano, Italy.), Bishnu H. Bhatta (Director of PSD, Nepal)				
2:00 – 4:00	Sustainability Challenges & Opportunities in the Himalayan Region of India	Chair: Dr. Sumeet Gupta	SoB	<a href="https://hillupes.com/dr-sumeet-gupta-2025">https://hillupes.com/dr-sumeet-gupta-2025</a>
Key Speakers: Prof. Surendra Singh Suthar (School of Environment & Natural Resources, Doon University), Dr Sunil Kadyan (Associate Professor, Finance, Insurance and Risk Management, Birla Institute of Management Technology (BIMTECH) Greater Noida), Dr. Manish Sharma (Professor Department of Business Administration, Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies, Delhi)				
2:45 – 5:30	The Himalayan Youth Dividend: Education, Innovation, and the Green Economy.	Dr. Shruti Dasgupta	SoB Audi	<a href="https://hillupes.com/s/hruti-2025">https://hillupes.com/s/hruti-2025</a>
<b>Key Speakers:</b> Prof. Dr. Deepak Kumar Chauhan (Dean, School of Legal Studies; Program Coordinator, N.S.S. Cell CUPB; In-charge Dept. of Physical Education (Former); Public Information Officer (Former), Central University of Punjab, Bathinda), Dr. Balwinder Singh (Sr. Associate Professor & Cluster Head, Law and Social Sciences, School of Law, UPES), Dr. Smriti Rai (Assistant Professor, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda), Advocate Natasha Garg (Advocate, Supreme Court of India), Prof. Richa Gupta (Ex-Judge, West Bengal Judiciary & Faculty, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur), Dr. Vijayata Uikey (Assistant Professor, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar School of Law, Nagpur University), Dr. Vinay Kumar Singh (Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University, Uttar Pradesh), Adv. Deepti Chhabra (Advocate, High Court of Judicature at Allahabad).				

## Day 2 – Wednesday, 10 September 2025

<b>10:30 – 1:00</b>	The Intersections of the Himalayas: Myths, Histories & Art	Chair: Dr. Baljinder Kaur	AB 1	<a href="https://hillupes.com/ms-baljinder-kaur-2025">https://hillupes.com/ms-baljinder-kaur-2025</a>
Key Speakers: Shri Kalyan Singh Rawat Padma Shri Awardee, Shri Vijay Sharma Padma Shri Awardee, Dr. Madhuri Barthwal Padma Shri Awardee, Sandeep Badoni (Assistant Professor SGRR University, Dehradun)				
<b>10:30 – 1:00</b>	Eco-Anxiety & Media: Pollution, Public Perception & Environmental Storytelling	Chair: Dr. Seema Shukla	School of Liberal Arts	<a href="https://hillupes.com/dr-seema-shukla-2025#52f3f19d-2e57-4fed-a76f-9e8b0e8392cb">https://hillupes.com/dr-seema-shukla-2025#52f3f19d-2e57-4fed-a76f-9e8b0e8392cb</a>
Key Speakers: Ms. Valeria Barbi (Environmental Journalist, WANE, Italy), Dr. Brijendra Pratap Mishra (Professor and Head, Govt. Medical College, Bahraich, India), Dr. Babita Pandey (Associate Professor, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University), Prof. Dr. Asha Shukla (Former Vice Chancellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, M.P.), Prof. Vivek Belhekar (Associate Professor, Mumbai University)				
<b>10.30-1:00</b>	Tackling unique challenges, upholding rights, advancing sustainability	Chair: Dr. Gagandeep Kaur	SoL	<a href="#">Dr. Gagandeep 2025   Himalaya Calling</a>
Key Speakers: Prof. Alexander Sorokin (Saint-Petersburg School of Social Sciences, HSE University, Russia), Prof. Ratan Singh (Vice Chancellor, Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala, Punjab), Dr. Chandra Mohan Gupta (Shoolini University), Dr. Charu Srivastava (Cluster Head, School of Law, UPES.)				
<b>10.30-1:00</b>	Food Security and Public Health: Pathways to a Nourished Society	Chair: Dr. Subhajit Basu / Dr. Parteek Prashar	SoHST	
Keynote Speaker: Mr. John Casillas, Executive Director & Founder, Global Rise (USA), Dr Rohit Joshi, Dr. Balendu Prakash, Padma Shri Awardee, Dr. Sudesh Kumar Yadav (Director of CSIR-IHBT, Palampur)				
<b>10:00– 11:00</b>	Simulation and Modeling challenges for climate	Chair: Dr. Sanoj Kumar / Dr. Amit Chawla	BUZZ	<a href="https://hillupes.com">https://hillupes.com</a>
Key Speakers: Dr. Steven Arquitt (Senior Advisor, MI, USA)				

<b>10:00-1:00</b>	Innovative Pathways to Sustainability and Climate Resilience in the Himalayan Region	Dr. Neeti Misra	SOB	<a href="https://hillupes.com/dr-neeti-misra-2025">https://hillupes.com/dr-neeti-misra-2025</a>
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Key Speakers: Mr. Raj Kapoor-Founder - India Blockchain Alliance, Chairman - India AI Alliance, Chairman - Global Alliance for Ethical AI, Tech4Good, AI/ML. International Keynote, G20 and Ted X Speaker. Tech Zero, ESG, Blockchain and AI Leadership, Dr. Y. P. Singh, Head of Forest Pathology Division, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, Prof. H. C. Purohit, Head of Forest Pathology Division, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, Dr. Rajesh Singh, Professor, Director Researcher and Innovator, Uttarakhand University, Dr. Raman Nautiyal: Founder EV Research, Statistician ICFRE, Scientist-Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education,

<b>11:00-2:00</b>	Human Rights in fragile ecosystem: Migration, Displacement and climate issues	Chair: Dr. Tanveer Kaur	SOL	<a href="https://hillupes.com/tanveer-kaur-2025">https://hillupes.com/tanveer-kaur-2025</a>
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Key Speakers: Mr. Anoop Nautiyal, Founder of the Social Development for Communities (SDC) Foundation, Dehradun; Ms. Varsha Singh, an independent environmental journalist with a deep focus on Himalayan issues; Ms. Neeti Mahajan, a climate consultant contributing valuable insights on sustainable adaptation; Dr. Dr. Kalpesh Kumar L Gupta, founder of Pro Bono India and Law Teachers India; Mr. Gautam Kumar, Assistant Professor at UPES; Mr. Abel Shibu Simon, Assistant Professor at UPES specializing in international environmental law; Ms. Gayatri Pooja, a Himalayan Fellowship Scholar bringing a community-driven perspective; and Mr. Amit Rathi, Research Associate in the Social Infrastructure and Social Welfare domain.

<b>2:00-5:00</b>	The Himalayan Ancient Wisdom for the Modern Soul	Dr. Sanjay Bhutani	SOAE	<a href="https://hillupes.com/dr-sanjay-bhutani-2025">https://hillupes.com/dr-sanjay-bhutani-2025</a>
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Key Speakers: Message from Mooji Baba, Message from Dalai Lama, Swami Yatishwarnanda (Pravar Chaitanya Chinmaya mission Dehradun), Dr. Anil Kumar Gauri Sethi (Head of Center for Indian knowledge system at IIT Roorkee), Dr. Uday Shankar Dixit (Head of Center for Indian Knowledge system at IIT Guwahati)

<b>2:00 – 5:00</b>	Round Table Discussions	Chair: Dr. Ram Sharma Vice Chancellor, UPES	TRUST Board Room	
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**Panelist:** Dr. Steven Arquitt (Senior Advisor, MI, USA), Mr. John Casillus (Executive Director, Global Rise, USA), Dr. Pradeep Mehta (State Program Lead, UNDP), Ms. Geeta Sharma, Ms. Yamuna(Program Associate, CHINAR), Dr. Badrish Singh Mehra (Executive Director, CHIRAG), Dr. Vishal Singh (Executive Director, CEDAR), Mr. Chinmay Shah(Secretary, INHERE), Mr. J.P. Maithani(Chair Person, AAGAAS), Mr. Jeet Sanwal(Secretary GRAMYA), Dr. Harpal Singh Negi (Secretary, UYRDC), Mr. Praveen Kaushal (Director, SOPHIA), Dr. Debashish Sen (Director, PSI), Dr. Malavika Chauhan (Former Executive Director, TATA Trusts), Dr. Bhavtosh Sharma (Scientist UCOST), Mr. Vishal Kumar (CEO, Waste Warriors), Mrs. Seema Mahajan(USHA Foundation), Dr. Alexander Sorokin (Prof. St. Peters Berg, Russia), Dr. Kalyan Singh Rawat Padma Shri Awardee, Dr. Vijay Shama, Padma Shri Awardee, Dr. Madhuri Barthwal, Padma Shri Awardee, Dr. Prem Chand Sharma, Padma Shri Awardee, Dr. Sudesh Kumar Yadav (Director, CSIR, IHBT Palampur), Dr. Nitin Seth (Director, IFCPAR), Mr. Karan Kapoor (President, MAD by BTB), Mr. Bharaaz Kashyap(Program Assistant CIC, Hungary)

<b>2:00 – 5:00</b>	Technology for the Himalayan Region	Chair: Dr. Ashish Mathur	R&D	<a href="https://hillupes.com/ashish-mathur-2025">https://hillupes.com/ashish-mathur-2025</a>
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<p>Key Speakers: Dr. S.K. Varshney (Scientist &amp; Ex-Adviser and Scientist-G (DST, Gol)), Dr. Y.K. Mishra (Professor-Smart Materials, Mads Clausen Institute, University of Southern Denmark), Dr. Satheesh Krishnamurthy (Director of UK National Ion Beam Centre, University of Surrey, UK), Dr. Tanu Jindal (Group Additional Pro Vice Chancellor (R&amp;D) &amp; Director, Amity University, Noida), Dr. Ajeet Kaushik (Associate Professor, Dept of Environmental Engineering, Florida Polytechnic University), Dr. Praveen K. Saxena (Professor &amp; Director, Gosling Research Institute for Plant Preservation (GRIPP), Department of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph, Canada), Dr. Harsha Kharkwal (Director, Amity Institute of Phytochemistry and Phytomedicine Amity University, Noida), Dr. Agney Tripathi (ESG consultant &amp; Social Auditor Visiting Faculty at DMI Patna, XIM University Alumnus: IBS Hyderabad), Dr. Ranjit Gajanan Gurav (Associate Professor, School of Advanced Engineering, UPES Dehradun), Mr. Saurabh Arora (Founder, Eewa Farms, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh), Dr. Bhavyata Jethva (Project and GIS Lead, Vyakti Vikas Kendra, Art of Living), Dr. Nilar Lwin (International Language &amp; Business Center, Mandalay, Myanmar)</p>				
<b>10:00 – 2:00</b>	Legal Pluralism & Access to Justice in the Himalayan Region	Chair: Dr. Aprajita Singh	SoL	<a href="https://hillupes.com/aprajita-2025">https://hillupes.com/aprajita-2025</a>
<p>Key Speakers: Dr Nidhi Srivastava (PhD Law and Policy consultant New Delhi, India)</p>				
<b>2:00-5:00</b>	Nature-Based Solutions for Treatment of Himalayan Rivers	Chair: Dr. Kanchan Bahukhandi	AB-01	<a href="https://hillupes.com/dr-kanchan-2025">https://hillupes.com/dr-kanchan-2025</a>
<p>Key Speakers: Prof. Samares Pal, Ph.D. (Indo-US Fellow, Erasmus Mundus Fellow Professor, Department of Mathematics, University of Kalyani, West Bengal, India), Mrs. Malavika Chauhan (Former Executive Director TATA Trust), Mr. Vishal Singh (Executive Director, CEDAR)</p>				
<b>2:00 - 5: 00</b>	Himalayas in Humanities	Chair: Dr. Ritam Dutta	SOLS	<a href="https://hillupes.com/dr-ritam-dutta-2025">https://hillupes.com/dr-ritam-dutta-2025</a>
<p>Key Speakers: Sandeep Badoni (Assistant Professor of Management, SGRR University, Dehradun), Ms. Baljinder Kaur (Assistant Professor, School of Design, UPES), Mr. Abel (Assistant Professor, School of Law, UPES)</p>				
<b>2:00 - 5: 00</b>	Climate change and sustainability threats in the Himalayan region	Chair: Dr. Anju Pandey	SOL	<a href="https://hillupes.com/dr-anju-pandey-2025">https://hillupes.com/dr-anju-pandey-2025</a>
<p>Key Speakers: Dr. Promode Kant (Former Member of the Indian Forest Service and Former Chairman, Expert Appraisal Committee (INFRA 2), Government of India), Dr. Pradeep Mehta (State Program Lead – Action for Climate &amp; Environment (ACE), UNDP), Niharika Kapoor (Board Member, Indian Youth Climate Network), Prof. (Dr.) Shikha Dimri (Associate Dean (Research), School of Law, UPES)</p>				
<b>2:00 - 5: 00</b>	AI and Machine vision for the Himalayan Region	Chair: Dr. Pankaj Kumar	R&D	<a href="https://hillupes.com/dr-pankaj-kumar-2025#51ef2183-39f9-4edf-b167-966f7191475a">https://hillupes.com/dr-pankaj-kumar-2025#51ef2183-39f9-4edf-b167-966f7191475a</a>
<p>Key Speakers: Prof. Nitin Muttli, UPES (Previously: Senior Lecturer &amp; Research Leader, Victoria University, Melbourne), Professor Ivan Lee (Associate Professor, UniSA STEM, University of South Australia), Mr. Manuj Aggarwal (Program Manager Drones Thales Singapore), Dr. Silky Goel (University of Petroleum &amp; Energy Studies UPES)</p>				

<b>2:00 – 5:00</b>	Extreme Events & Disaster Vulnerability (Dharali Cloudburst)	Chair: Dr. Amit Awasthi	SoAE	<a href="https://hillupes.com/amit-awasthi-2025">https://hillupes.com/amit-awasthi-2025</a>
Key Speakers: Dr. Ajay Kumar Taloor (Department of Remote Sensing and GIS, University of Jammu, India), Dr. Lakshmi Kumar (Department of Atmospheric Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)				
<b>5:30 – 10:30</b>	Renewable Energy in Himalaya	Chair: Dr. Surajit Mondal	SoAE	<a href="https://hillupes.com/dr-surajit-mondal-2025">https://hillupes.com/dr-surajit-mondal-2025</a>
Key Speakers: Mr. Ankur Gupta (IAS, Haryana Government), Prof. Papita Das (Jadavpur University), Dr. Sudeshna Saha (Jadavpur University)				
10:30 – 1:00	Strategies to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)	Chair: Dr. Pratibha Gaur / Dr. Subhajit Basu	SoHST	<a href="https://hillupes.com/pratibha-gaur-2025">https://hillupes.com/pratibha-gaur-2025</a>
Key Speaker: Prof. N K Ganguly (FIMSA Former Director General – Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Delhi), Prof. V. Samuel Raj (Director & Dean Academics Department of Biotechnology & Microbiology SRM University Delhi-NCR, Sonipat), Prof. G.P. Talwar, FWAAS Padma Bhushan, Dr Atul Johri (Microbiology School of Life Sciences JNU, New Delhi)				

**Day 3 – Thursday, 11 September 2025**

<b>10:00 – 12:00</b>	Valedictory Session	Dr. Nitin Seth, IFCPAR. Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi, Padma Bhushan Awardee Dr. Durgesh Pant, DG UCOST Mr. Meenakshi Sundaram, Sec. Govt. of Uttarakhand	MAC	<a href="https://hillupes.com/mr-chinmaya-shah-2025">https://hillupes.com/mr-chinmaya-shah-2025</a>
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**Special Session**

<b>2:00 – 5:00</b>	Echoes of the Himalayas: Integrating Indigenous Culture into Sustainable Development	Chair: Dr. Ruchika Rai	SoB / School of Media & Liberal Arts	<a href="https://hillupes.com/dr-ruchika-rai-2025#d291b52e-60f9-4a20-813a-a18f130b4fd7">https://hillupes.com/dr-ruchika-rai-2025#d291b52e-60f9-4a20-813a-a18f130b4fd7</a>
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Key Speakers: Prof. Andrea Vargiu, Dr. Anuradha Chakraborty Chatterjee, Dr. Devi Dutt Joshi, Mr. Vijay Jardhari, Mr. Raghu Bhai Jardhari, Mrs. Kusum Rawat, Mr. Preetam Bharatwan, Mr. Rajeev Nayan Bahuguna, Mr. Rajat Joshi, Mr. Rajendra Jardhari.