

TWO DAYS NATIONAL SEMINAR

On

"Ecocriticism and Disaster Management: Interdisciplinary Perspectives for a Sustainable Future"



Indian Council of
Social Science Research

(13-14 March 2026)

Organized by

Center for Distance & Online Education
(CDOE), & Department of Biosciences,
Himachal Pradesh University, Summer
Hill, Shimla-5

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HIMACHAL PRADESH UNIVERSITY

The Himachal Pradesh University was founded on July 22, 1970. It is located at Summer Hill which is at a distance of 5 km from the main town, Shimla. The University is nestled amidst tall and lush green trees of deodars, silver oaks, pines and rhododendrons. The location of the University presents a panoramic natural view among the woods, settled around Summer Hill. The University campus occupies an area of 200 acres and has been designed to possess a distinctive architectural style. Himachal Pradesh University is the oldest multi-faculty and affiliating University in the state. The university is re-accredited "A" Grade, by the National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC).



Immediately on its establishment in 1970, the Himachal Pradesh University took a bold step for proliferation of knowledge and democratization of educational opportunities by setting up a Directorate of Correspondence Courses. It was the first to impart instruction at post-graduate level in social sciences, humanities, commerce and teacher training through the mode of distance education. It is located on the campus of the University at Summer Hill, a suburb at the Western end of Shimla at a distance of 4 kilometres from the main town.

Department of Biosciences is oriented towards research and post graduate training involving the study of biological resources and their development in the state. Department of Bio-Sciences is DST FIST and UGC-SAP-DRS-II funded department. The department from time to time has been able to obtain research projects from various granting agencies such as University Grants Commission, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Environment, National Medicinal Plant Board etc., which has greatly helped in augmenting and strengthening the research activities in the department.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The two days seminar will explore the intersection of ecological criticism and disaster management to promote sustainable solutions for future challenges.

The Seminar shall cover following themes:

- Sustainable approaches to development and disaster resilience.
- The role of literature, media, and cultural studies in spreading environmental awareness.
- Integration of traditional ecological knowledge with modern disaster management.
- Policy-level insights for sustainable planning and climate adaptation.
- Ecocriticism as a Tool for Rethinking Agricultural Practices.

REGISTRATION

The participants have to get register themselves using Google link on or before 13 March 2026 as follows:

<https://forms.gle/r9QefxwYhXDub29A>

(Control+Click to Register)

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstract (300 words) written in Times New Romans, 12 Font Size and single spacing should be sent on email id of seminar as follow: neelambhumi@gmail.com

Mode of presentation must be mentioned on the top of abstract

Mode: Hybrid (Offline as well as Online)

REGISTRATION FEE

Academic Delegates - Rs 500/-, Research Scholars- Rs 500/-, External PG Student - Rs 250/- (Free for HPU PG Students)

As well as for On-Spot Registrations

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Oral/Poster Presentation

For oral, maximum 10 slides describing methodology, results and outcomes. Poster to be prepared Vertically, Length (3ft) x Breadth (2ft).

Awards

- 02 Best Oral Awards (Faculty category)
- 02 Best Oral Awards (Research Students' category)
- 02 Best Oral Awards (PG Students' category)
- 02 Best Poster Awards (Faculty category)
- 02 Best Poster Awards (Research Students' category)
- 02 Best Poster Awards (PG Students)

The full-length papers shall be invited after the seminar for publication in a reputed publisher free of cost. The quality of article shall be decided by the editorial Board constituted for the purpose. Final publication will depend upon the quality of article, merely submission of article does not mean that it will be accepted for publication.

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