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Call For Abstracts

- Biodiversity
- Conservation biology(*Invivo, invitro*)
- Plant and animal geography
- Environmental science
- Ecology

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ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PLANT SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

National Institute of Plant Science Technology (NIPST), an Inter-School centre of Mahatma Gandhi University, was established on 20th August 2014. The institute provides excellent infrastructure facilities to promote research in Interdisciplinary areas of 'Plants and their Environment Relations' towards developing 'Plant-based Eco-technologies'. Instead of keeping science and technology as watertight compartments in conventional programmes, this institute will enable science students to end up their post graduation to a productive research on plant-based eco-technology and entrepreneurship based on the technology that they develop. Overall, the Institute aims at boosting entrepreneurship in the country through productive research in plant science.

SCHOOL OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

A centre which provide academic expertise to students in the areas of Food science, Food Technology, Nutrition and Dietetics. The research areas at School of Food Science and Technology include new Food Product Development, processing and packaging technology development, Subjective and objective quality analysis of foods, and microbiological analysis of foods. The institute aims to develop and contribute skilled manpower to academic, food industries and health care sectors.

KERALA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

Kerala State Biodiversity Board is an autonomous body of the State Government and come under the Kerala State Environment Department with the Head Quarter at Thiruvananthapuram. The Board falls under the provision of the Biological Diversity Act 2002, Rules 2004 and Kerala State Biological Diversity Rules 2008. The KSBB is dedicated into conservation and protection of the agro, plant and fish diversity of the State. The Board is headed by a Chairman, a Member Secretary and followed by a team of expert Government officials, leading the Board in its all vibrant activities.



Two Day National Seminar on

Eco-restoration, a Possible remedy for man-wildlife conflict in Southern Western Ghats.



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**VENUE: AUDITORIUM, CONVERGENCE
ACADEMIA COMPLEX, M G UNIVERSITY**

**DATE: 16 -17 February 2026
Time: 9 AM**

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Eco-restoration is increasingly recognized as a vital, long-term, and sustainable solution to mitigate the rising man-wildlife conflict in the Southern Western Ghats. By focusing on restoring habitats, rejuvenating food and water sources within forests, and restoring connectivity between fragmented landscapes, this approach aims to reduce the necessity for animals like elephants and tigers to venture into human-occupied areas

While immediate, short-term measures like electric fences are frequently used, they are not sustainable long-term solutions. Restoring the ecological integrity of the Southern Western Ghats through targeted habitat restoration and improving water/food availability is essential to address the root causes of the conflict and foster long-term, harmonious coexistence. This seminar is being organized to explore & examine strategies for eco-restoration, and address challenges related to habitat loss and human-wildlife conflicts.

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