

SPEAKERS

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While we realize that destruction of nature and loss of biodiversity strongly contribute towards outbreak of pandemics, the relevance of nature-based solutions, which offer the best way to achieve human well-being, ensure food security, tackle climate change, protect our living planet and to address developmental agendas have become much more effervescent. On the International Day for Biodiversity (IDBD), a group of distinguished speakers present their views on how biodiversity is closely interlinked with human/planetary health and how nature-based solutions offer solutions for better health.



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Prof. K. Srinath Reddy

Prof. K. Srinath Reddy is the President, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and formerly headed the Department of Cardiology at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. Under his leadership, PHFI has established five Indian Institutes of Public Health (IIPHS) to advance multi-disciplinary public health education, research, health technologies and implementation support for strengthening health systems. He was appointed as the First Bernard Lown Visiting Professor of Cardiovascular Health at the Harvard School of Public Health in (2009-13) and presently serves as an Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology at Harvard (2014-2023). He holds advisory positions in several national and international bodies and has over 550 scientific publications. Recently published a book 'Make Health in India: Reaching A Billion Plus'. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Emory and Sydney Universities. He is the first Indian to be elected to the National Academy of Medicine, USA and was awarded several prestigious international and national doctorates and fellowships. He was President of the World Heart Federation (2013-15). He is a Padma Bhushan awardee. He is also an Advisor to the Governments of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh on Health.



Dr. Shalini Dhyani

Dr. Shalini Dhyani is Senior Scientist with Critical Zone Research Group at CSIR-NEERI, Nagpur. She is South Asia Regional Chair for IUCN Commission on Ecosystems Management and IPBES (Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services) Lead Author for Asia Pacific Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Assessment and ongoing Global thematic assessment on Sustainable Use of Wild Species. She brings more than a decade of experience of mainstreaming biodiversity in impact assessment projects across India and has been a biodiversity expert in many honourable Supreme Court, High Court and NGT cases. Her work on restoring village wastelands for sustainable forest management in Western Himalayas was recognised by IUCN; ICIMOD, Nepal and SAARC forestry center, Bhutan. She was awarded the "IUCN-CEM Chair Young Professional Award" at IUCN World Parks Congress, 2014 for her work in the Himalayas. She implemented zero soil intervention for mine void restoration in Rajasthan, conceptualised climate sensitive restoration approach and endorses Agroforestry for achieving Global climate targets. Her recently edited book on Nature based Solutions with experiences and stories from Asia is a relevant contribution and she has 60 peer reviewed research publications with many popular articles on many relevant less studied topics to her credit. Shalini is passionate about science outreach and is a popular science writer and her efforts focus on popularizing the importance of intergenerational partnerships in nature conservation, climate sensitive nature based solutions and importance of traditional knowledge base to secure healthy ecosystems and human well-being.



Dr. Vandana Shiva

Dr. Vandana Shiva is a scholar, environmental activist, food sovereignty advocate, ecofeminist and a prolific author. Founder of Navdanya, New Delhi, she studied Physics at the Punjab University in Chandigarh. She pursued PhD on the Foundations of Quantum from the University of Western Ontario. In her words, "My scientific training helped me transcend the mechanistic mind based on reductionism, fragmentation and separation." Continuing the investigative journey with her research in ecology, she has spent nearly half a century studying life in its non-separability, self-organisation and interconnectedness. She says, "Every problem I have studied in ecology, food and agriculture, erosion of biodiversity, and climate change, can be traced back to the mechanistic reductionist paradigm which facilitates extractivism for commerce and profits". She received the Right Livelihood Award in 1993, an award, which is regarded as an "Alternative Nobel Prize". She also serves as the Chairperson of Indian Biodiversity Congress (IBC).



Dr. G.G. Gangadharan

Dr. G.G. Gangadharan, Director, Ramaiah Indic Centre for Ayurveda and Integrative Medicine, got his Ayurvedacharya Degree at the Ayurveda College, Coimbatore in 1985, followed by a PhD at the Tilak Ayurveda Mahavidyalaya, Pune. He is a Fellow of the Ashoka Foundation, USA for his work incorporating local health traditions and Ayurveda in primary health care [2000]. He did a two – year Masters of Management Program on health system management from McGill University, Montreal, Canada, in 2012-14. Dr. Gangadharan has over 35 years of clinical experience and has held various prestigious posts. He was Temporary Advisor to the Regional Director - South East Asia, WHO; Convenor, Scientific Advisory Committee for the International Institute of Ayurveda, Coimbatore; Committee Member, Medicinal Plants Project, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, and Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Ayurveda of the Government of India etc. He was also Vice-President of the Arya Vaidya Pharmacy, Coimbatore till 2003. Dr. G.G. Gangadharan is the president of CISSA.

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