



Schedule for the 2nd National Symposium on Wildlife Forensics: Conservation, Crime, and Prevention, 2025

Day	Time	Event
Day 1 21/1/25 (Tuesday)		
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Breakfast & Registration	
9:30 am - 10:15 am	Inauguration	
10:15 am - 11:15 am	Keynote-1: <i>Wildlife Crimes in Indian Scenario</i>	Speaker: Mr. Agni Mitra, IFS, Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Dampa Tiger Reserve, Mizoram
11:15 am - 11:30 am	Tea Break	
11:30 am - 11:50 am	Track 1 (Plenary Talk): <i>Emerging Trends in Wildlife Forensics & Veterinary Sciences</i>	Speaker: Dr. Rajinder Singh Chandel, Punjabi University, Patiala
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Paper Presentations (Track 1): <i>Emerging Trends in Wildlife Forensics & Veterinary Sciences</i>	
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch Break	
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Paper Presentations (Track 2): <i>Urbanisation in Relation to Wildlife Forensics</i>	
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Tea Break	
3:30 pm - 4:05 pm	Track 3 (Plenary Talk): <i>Forensics in the Conservation of Threatened Marine Fauna in India</i>	Speaker: Dr. Sivakumar, Pondicherry University
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm	Paper Presentations (Track 3): <i>Marine Forensics: What We Know and Need to Know</i>	
5:15 pm - 5:45 pm	Networking Session	



Day 2 22/1/25 (Wednesday)		
8:30 am - 9:15 am	Breakfast	
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Keynote-2: <i>Genomics for Wildlife Conservation & Forensics</i>	Speaker: Dr. Uma Ramakrishnan, NCBS, Bengaluru
10:30 am - 10:50 am	Tea Break	
11:00 am - 11:20 am	Track 4 (Plenary Talk): <i>Community Perspective on Wildlife Conservation, Crime, and Prevention</i>	Speaker: Mr. Mukut Biswas, Prameya Foundation
11:20 am - 1:00 pm	Paper Presentations (Track 4): <i>Community Perspective on Wildlife Conservation, Crime, and Prevention</i>	
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch Break	
2:00 pm - 2:20 pm	Track 5 (Plenary Talk): <i>Flora Forensics - Use, Misuse, and Abuse in Trade</i>	Speaker: Dr. Savinaya, Srishti Manipal Institute
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Paper Presentations (Track 5): <i>Flora Forensics - Use, Misuse, and Abuse in Trade</i>	
3:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Tea Break	
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	Keynote-3: <i>Scientific & Legal Aspects of Wildlife Forensics</i>	Speaker: Dr. C. P. Sharma, Wildlife Institute of India
Day 3 23/1/25 (Thursday)		
8:30 am - 9:15 am	Breakfast	
9:30 am - 10:20 am	Keynote-4: <i>Wildlife Trade: Economy & Ecological Impacts</i>	Speaker: Dr. Surendra Varma, IUCN/SSC Asian Elephant Specialist Group
10:30 am - 11:15 am	Paper Presentations (Track 6): <i>Economics of Wildlife Trade</i>	
11:15 am - 11:30 am	Group Photo and Tea Break	
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Thematic Hands-on Workshops (5 Parallel Sessions)	Topics include wildlife article identification, DNA barcoding, GIS, and more (details below).
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch Break	



1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Thematic Hands-on Workshops (Continued)	
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm	Keynote-5: <i>Forensic DNA Analysis in the Urban Context</i>	Speaker: Dr. Kirsty Shaw, Manchester Metropolitan University
4:00 pm - 4:45 pm	Panel Discussion	
4:45 pm - 5:15 pm	Valedictory	
Day 4 24/1/25 (Friday)		
5:00 am - 12:30 pm	Departure to BRT Hills	
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Workshop: <i>Geospatial Techniques to Determine Animal Detection Probabilities</i>	Speaker: Mr. Santanu Mahato, SACON
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	High Tea	
7:00 pm onwards	Cultural Event/Campfire	
9:00 pm	Dinner	
Day 5 25/1/25 (Saturday)		
6:30 am - 8:30 am	Bird/Tree Identification Walk	Speaker: Dr. G Ramachandra Rao, JAIN (Deemed-to-be-University), Bengaluru
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast	
10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Workshop: <i>Crime Scene Investigation</i>	Speaker: Mr. Sujayaraj Samuel Jayakumar & Team, JAIN University
1:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Return to Bengaluru	