

Announcement of the
National Symposium on Avian Biology
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7th

Association of Avian Biologists in India

Meeting of

SKUAST-Kashmir, Srinagar, J&K, India

14th -16th May, 2026



Organised by:

Division of Wildlife
Sciences, Faculty of
Forestry
Sher-e-Kashmir
University of Agricultural
Sciences & Technology of
Kashmir (SKUAST-K)



Sher-E-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-Kashmir) is organizing the **National Symposium on Avian Biology** in conjunction with **7th Meeting** of the Association of Avian Biologists in India, to be held at Shalimar Convention Centre of SKUAST-Kashmir, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, India from **14th -16th May, 2026**. This event aims to bring together India's leading ornithologists, early-career researchers, conservation practitioners, and students to deliberate on cutting-edge advances in avian science.

Hosted for the first time in Kashmir at SKUAST-K, this symposium aims to highlight advances in avian research across the country with a special emphasis on Himalayan ecosystems, broader conservation challenges, and emerging technologies in modern ornithology.

The first symposium was organized in Mizoram University, Aizawl, followed by its second in IISER, Tirupati, third in Gurukula Kangri University, Haridwar, fourth in Central University of South Bihar, fifth in Graphic Era University, Dehradun and sixth in IISER Mohali.

Organizing committee

Prof. (Dr.) Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir	Patron
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Dr. Khursheed Ahmad, Professor & Head, Division of Wildlife Sciences, Faculty of Forestry, SKUAST-Kashmir	Convener/ Organizing Secretary

VENUE

The symposium will be held in Sher-e-Kashmir
University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir
Shalimar-190025, J&K, India

Keynote Speakers

1. Dr. Asad R Rahmani, Former Director BNHS-Mumbai
2. Mr. Aasheesh Pittie, Editor In chief, Indian Birds
3. Dr. Taej Mundkar, Wetlands International

Plenary and Invited Speakers

1. Prof. Anand S Dixit, NEHU, Shillong
2. Dr. Parag Nigam, WII-Dehradun
3. Dr. Amit Trivedi, Mizoram University
4. Prof. Vinod Kumar, Central University of South Bihar, Gaya
5. Prof. Dinesh Bhatt, Gurukula Kangri University
6. Maj Gen Atul Kaushik, Chairman HPPEIRC, Himachal Pradesh
7. Mr. Dhritiman Mulherjee, Nature and Wildlife Photographer
8. Dr. Prachi Mehta, WRCS
9. Praveen J, Chief Editor, Indian Birds
10. Dr. Umesh Sinivasan, IISc Bangalore
11. Prof. Hillol Jyoti Singha, Bodoland University, Assam
12. Dr. Ramana Athreya IISER, Pune
13. Dr. Rajah Jayapal, SACON
14. Dr. PO Nameer, Kerala Agricultural University
15. Dr. V V Robin, IISER Tirupati
16. Dr. Suhel Quader, NCF, Bengaluru
17. Dr. Manjari Jain, IISER Mohali
18. Dr. Farah Ishtiaq, TIGS, Bengaluru
19. Dr. Aakanksha Sharma, Lucknow University
20. Mr. Intesar Suhail, Wildlife Warden North Kashmir

Registration

Type	Early Bird Fee	Regular Fee	Accommodation*
Student	1500 INR	2000 INR	--
Post-Doc /RA/Project Biologists	2500 INR	3000 INR	--
Faculty	5000 INR	6000 INR	--
Accompanying person	1000 INR	1500 INR	--

Registration information: Early Bird registration is valid until 10th , April 2026.

Accommodation: A limited number of rooms are available in Guest houses and hostels and will be provided on first come first-served basis at nominal charges. Delegates must confirm symposium participation by 15th of April, 2026 to secure accommodation. Independent hotel booking can also be arranged/facilitated subjected to confirmation.



Call for papers

Authors are invited to submit high quality research abstracts, of original and unpublished results of their work for presentation during conference. The submissions will be guided by the following sub-themes.

Themes of the Symposium

1. Avian Ecology and evolutionary biology

2. Behaviour, Cognition & Neurobiology

3. Genomics, Microbiomes, Pathogens & One Health perspectives

4. Wetland and Himalayan Bird Systems: Migration, habitat health and resilience

5. Technological Frontiers in Avian Science

6. Birds, People & Planet: Citizen Science, Governance & Ethical Conservation

7. Strategies and Solutions for the Conservation and Management of Threatened Species and Critical Habitats

The call for abstracts will be open from 20th February, 2026 and the deadline for submission will be 10th April, 2026. Authors of accepted abstracts for oral/ poster presentation will be notified by 20th April, 2026. The abstract should be sent to skuastkwildlife@gmail.com limited to a maximum of 300 words for both oral and poster presentation. The abstract should have a short and clear title, name(s) of author(s) and affiliation/address (correspondence author should be indicated for ease of communication), brief background, objectives of the study, methodology, result, and conclusions. Key words in alphabetical order should not be more than five.

For registration kindly make payments as follows: A/C Number: 0854040520000050 IFSC: JAKA0SHUHAM (0 is Zero)

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Workshop on

Wildlife Forensics for Ornithologists: Advanced Methods for Combatting Bird Trade

Dr. CP Sharma, WII, Dehradun

Dr. Rajat Bhargava, BNHS

Dr. Basit Amin, Scientific Officer, J&K Forensics Lab

Panel Discussion on

Building a Long-Term Collaborative Network for Ecological Monitoring and Conservation: Governance, Management, and Sustainable Funding prospects

Prof. L.S. Shashidhara, NCBS, Bengaluru

Prof. Mewa Singh, University of Mysore

Additional panelists from funding agencies & NGOs to be notified



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