



**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**India-ICIMOD Week 2015**  
***Partnership for Sustainable Mountain Development***

(11 December 2015, New Delhi, India)

Coinciding with International Mountain Day 2015, the GB Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development (GBPIHED), an autonomous institution of the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MOEFCC) and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) is organizing **India-ICIMOD Week, *Partnership for Sustainable Mountain Development from 11 to 15 December 2015*** at the Indira Paryavaran Bhavan (IPB) in New Delhi.

The programme will comprise of several activities that showcase ICIMOD's engagement in India through partnerships, explore and seek convergence with ongoing national programmes, the soft launch of the Climate+Change exhibition initiative, and display and sale of diverse mountain products from the Himalayan states of India. The main objectives are to:

- Provide a platform for mutual learning, sharing, and networking among ICIMOD's partners in India and to strengthen ICIMOD's engagement in India for joint programme development and synergy aligning with national priorities
- Launch *Climate+Change Indian Himalayan Region: Our Mountains, Our Future*, an innovative, exhibition initiative that aims to foster a climate smart community across the Indian Himalayan region and beyond
- Strengthen ICIMOD's engagement and enhance partnerships by organizing technical sessions on topics related to ICIMOD's work and an interactive display of ICIMOD partner's activities in the Partners' Pavilion
- Showcase mountain products from ICIMOD partner's as well as from organizations from the mountain states of India
- Seek convergence with ongoing national programmes and explore opportunities for engagement with policy uptake.

ICIMOD is working together with partners in India in the areas of sustainable mountain development in alignment with the priorities of the Government of India. ICIMOD's partners in India include government agencies, development organizations, research and academic institutions, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. In India, ICIMOD works with more than ten strategic and policy partners and 40 implementation partners to achieve its objectives.



India-ICIMOD Week, *Partnership for Sustainable Mountain Development* is designed to enhance ICIMOD's engagement in India by profiling partners' work and creating opportunities to network with a range of stakeholders, including policy makers and members of the private sector. It also provides opportunities to converge ICIMOD's ongoing work with national programmes and missions, as well as for policy dialogue around key issues.

The inaugural session on the first day of India-ICIMOD Week, *Partnership for Sustainable Mountain Development* will begin at 9:30 am in the Ganga Auditorium with remarks from representatives of the organizers of the event. During the opening session, a keynote address titled "**Our Mountains, Our Future**" will be made by an eminent speaker Dr Jayant Bandopadhyay. Registration will begin at 9:00 am at the entrance of the Ganga Auditorium.

It will be followed by five technical sessions over the five-day event, culminating in a special session, Indian Himalayan Region: A way Forward, on 15 December in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister of the MoEF&CC. He will launch the initiative *Climate+Change Indian Himalayan Region: Our Mountains, Our Future*. Second meet of parliamentarians from Himalayan states will also be held, chaired by the minister.

The entire programme is dedicated to the celebration International Mountain Day 2015, which falls on 11 December 2015. This year's International Mountain Day theme is *Promoting Mountain Products for Better Livelihoods*.

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