



अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पर्वतीय दिवस- 2025 के आयोजन की रिपोर्ट

Report on International Mountain Day-2025

ICFRE–Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla celebrated International Mountain Day on 11 December 2025 at the Institute. At the outset, Dr. Joginder Chauhan, Officer In-charge, Extension Division, briefed the gathering about the history and significance of observing this day. He informed that this year's theme was "Glaciers matter for water, food and livelihoods in mountains and beyond." He further highlighted that mountains are home to nearly 15% of the world's population, cover about 25% of the global land area, and span across 75% of countries. In India, approximately 30% of the geographical area falls under mountainous regions.

The keynote address of the event was delivered by Dr. Ranjana Kumari Negi, Scientist-E, on the topic "Melting Glaciers, Shifting Grasslands: Impact on Pastoral Communities and High-Altitude Ecosystems." She discussed a wide range of issues including glacio-hydrological impacts, geomorphological and landscape changes, emerging geo-hazards, climate change and vulnerability, and the implications for trans-human and pastoral communities. She also highlighted research challenges and gaps in glacier studies in the Himalaya, the need for robust policy frameworks, and also shared insights on the high-altitude grasslands of Uttarakhand.

Dr. Manisha Thapliyal, Director of the Institute, appreciated Dr. Negi's informative talk and emphasized the importance of adopting sustainable developmental practices. She reiterated that Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle are key steps in effective waste management—first preventing waste through refusal and reduction, then promoting reuse, and finally recycling materials to minimize environmental impacts.

Glimpses of the Event


