



Children NEED Nature

A National Conference

For Educators, Students, Parents & School Administrators

30th Sept & 1st Oct, 2024

09:30AM - 06:30PM

NIMHANS Convention Center, Bengaluru

Themes

- 1) Why children need more time to connect with nature - Experience, Research & Philosophy***
- 2) How lack of nature exposure and increasing screen time leads to Nature Deficit Disorder***
- 3) How parents and schools can integrate nature connect to help children improve their cognitive, creative and problem solving abilities***

**Plenary Talks | Workshops | Spirited Talks | Action Panels
Children's Expressions | Nature Songs | Book Stalls | Great Food & more**



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All Schools CAN

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<https://childrenneednature.org/>



Speakers



Satish Kumar

Founder
Schumacher College, UK

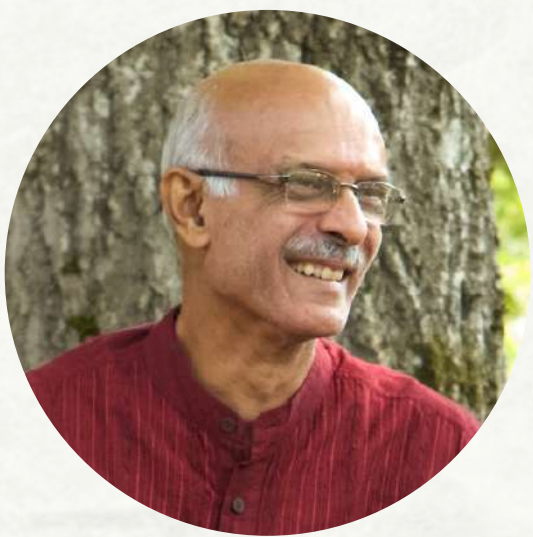
***Children Have a Right to
Connect with Nature (online)***



Chong Shimray

Faculty, Department of
Education in Science and
Mathematics, NCERT

***Role of NCERT in education for
sustainability***



G. Gautama

Director-Secretary
Pathashaala (Palar
Centre for Learning - KFI)

***Can schools become Thinking,
Feeling, Sentient Entities?***



Sumitra M. Gautama

Principal
Pathashaala
(Palar Centre for Learning-KFI)

***Approaches to Learning from
and about Nature***



Richard Louv, USA

Journalist & Author,
“*Last Child in the Woods*”

***We need a global movement to
help children connect to Nature
(online)***



Dr. Erach Bharucha

Director
BVIEER, Pune

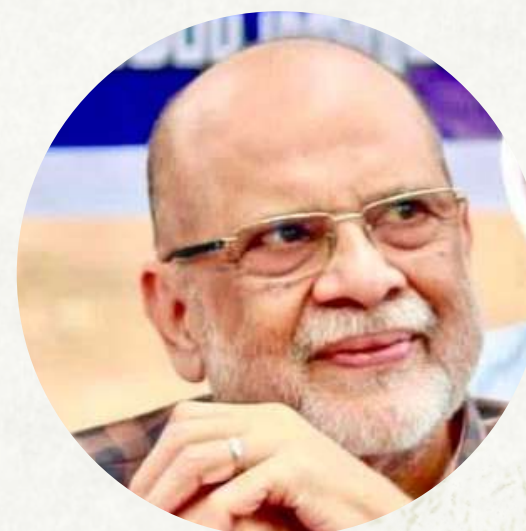
***Fostering a passion for Nature
and Nature Conservation in
educational institutions***



Seetha Ananthasivan

Founder - Trustee
Prakriya Green Wisdom
School & Bhoomi College

***Schools, Children, Nature
and Modern Civilisation***



Dr. Sultan Ismail

Member, the State
Planning Commission,
Government of Tamil Nadu

***Why should children in schools
learn about Natural Resources
& Climate Action***



Harini Nagendra

Director, Research
Centre, Azim Premji
University

***Action Panel - How can we
involve institutions and
individuals to look at children's
health and their future?***



Richard Dunne

Founder - Director
The Harmony Project, UK

***Building Harmony and Ability
through Nature in Schools***



Day - 1

Spirited Talks 1

From Screen Time to Green Time

03:10 pm - 03:20 pm

Kalyani Mekala

03:20 pm - 03:30 pm

Pallavi Varma Patil

03:30 pm - 03:40 pm

Radha Ravichandran

Teach for Nature Fellowship Showcase

04:20 pm - 04:35 pm

Adil Basha & Ishita Bose

Action Panel - 1 (12:10 pm - 01:00 pm)

**What can be done at policy/education board level?
How to leverage Govt. policies?**

- Dr. Erach Bharucha
- Dr. Sultan Ismail
- Dr. Chong Shimray

Moderator - Seetha Ananthasivan

Action Panel - 2 (05:00 pm - 06:00 pm)

**How can we involve institutions and individuals to look at
children's health and their future?**

- Harini Nagendra
- G Gautama
- Indira Vijaysimha
- Yuvan Aves

Moderator - Rema Kumar

Tagore & Nature - A musical exploration

06:00 pm - 06:30 pm

Indrani Bhattacharya, Ishita Bose & Priyanka Das Sarkar

Tabla - Vidwan Shouri Shanbhog

Harmonium - Vidwan Vighnesh Bhagwat

Day 2

Concurrent Sessions

Session 1 (11:45 am - 12:20 pm)

- **The Harmony Project**
Richard Dunne
- **Education for Naturalists**
Yuvan Aves
- **Natural Learning**
Reva Malik
- **Connecting with children and Nature**
Chayant Gonsalves
- **Nature based Socio - emotional Learning**
Sudha Ravi & Geeta Prabhu

Session 3 (02:00 pm - 02:50 pm)

Approaches to Learning from and about Nature

- Sumitra M. Gautama
- Indira Vijaysimha
- Sharon Lyngdoh
- Sarvesh Srinivasan
- Prakriya Teachers

Spirited Talks 2 - Voice of Youth

04:25 pm - 04:35 pm

Shourya Avinash

04:35 pm - 04:45 pm

Prakriya Student/s

Session 2 (12:20 pm - 01:00 pm)

- **Principles of Nature in Education**
Durga Sitaraman & Rema Kumar
- **The role of NCERT in Edn for Sustainability**
Dr. Chong Shimray
- **Children, the Future is yours - Mankind from stone age to present**
Dr. Erach Bharucha
- **Nature based Socio - emotional Learning**
Sudha Ravi & Geeta Prabhu

Session 4 (03:00 pm - 03:50 pm)

Initiatives for Ecological Living

- Arun Venkataraman
- Vena Kapoor
- Adil Basha
- Suruchi Athalye

A five piece Instrumental Ensemble

05:40 pm - 06:10 pm

Flute - Vidwan Sunil Kumar || Pakhawaj - Vidwan Prabodh Shyam Aanoor

Ghatam - Vidwan Srinidhi Koundinya || Mridangam - Vidwan Sai Vamshi

Tabla - Vidwan Shouri Shanbhog

