



PROGRAM SCHEDULE
**6th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL
MIGRATION CONFERENCE 2026**



on
Climate-Induced Migration:
Global Challenges, Transnational Dynamics, and Policy Responses

Dates: 6th & 7th August, 2026.

Venue: Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore

6th August 2026: Day 1

Time	Session
8:45-9:15	Registration
9:15-9:45	Inaugural Session Welcome Address – Prof Parmod Kumar, Director, ISEC About CEENR and IIMAD – Prof. Sunil Nautiyal Theme of the Conference – Prof. S. Irudaya Rajan and Dr. Balasubramanian Chairman's Remarks – Dr Ashok Dalwai, IAS. Vote of Thanks – Prof. S. Irudaya Rajan
9:45-10:30	Second Memorial Lecture for S Krishna Kumar, IAS , (Founding Secretary of the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India) Delivered by: Mr. G. Gurucharan, IAS, Director, School of Social Sciences and School of Law at Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bangalore.
10:30-11:00	Tea Break
11:00-1.00	Plenary Session I Chair: Sanjay Kumar, UNFPA Speakers: Prof S Irudaya Rajan, IIMAD Prof Kalandi C Pradhan, IIM Indore Prof Aravind Kumar Pandey, IIT Tirupathi Prof Prerana Srimal, Christ University, Bangalore
13:00-14:15	Lunch

14:15–16:15

Parallel Session I:

Theme 1: Climate Change, Cross-Border Migration, and Global Governance

Chair: Prof. Kala Seetharam Sridhar, ISEC

Discussant: Dr. Balasubramanian, ISEC

1. **Beyond Frontiers: Climate Refugees and the Contest for Transnational Commandment** — Meghna Roy, BA Honours Student, Loreto College, University of Calcutta
2. **A Comprehensive Review of Definitions and Policy Responses to Climate Migration: Global Perspectives and the Indian Context** — Rajdeep Chanda, PhD Scholar, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Bhopal
3. **Beyond Borders and Survival: Rethinking Human Mobility in an Era of Ecological Disruption** — Cyril George Mathew, Student, Mahatma Gandhi University
4. **Invisible Borders: Climate Displacement and Sovereignty in the Laccadive Sea** — Rishit Vinu, Undergraduate Student (Second Year), Department of Political Science, St. John's College, Anchal, Kollam, Kerala (Affiliated to the University of Kerala)
5. **Climate-Induced Migration, Financial Vulnerability, and Double Precarity: Evidence from Indian Migrant Workers in Dubai** — Angana Parashar Sarma, Consultant, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)
6. **Climate Migration, Media Narratives, and Policy Framing: A Critical Discourse Analysis of the Media Landscape in India-** Dr. Shyamali Banerjee, Associate Professor, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), Bangalore, Karnataka & Suhas S Kashyap, Ms. Ullas K C, PhD Scholar, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)

Rapporteur: Ms. L Namrata Singh

Theme 2- Inequality, Differential Mobility, and Climate Justice

Chair: Dr.K.C. Das, IIPS

Discussant:Dr. Marchang Reimeingam, ISEC

1. **Climate Migration and Ethnic Precarity: Vulnerability and Populations in the Internal Peripheries of At-Risk Geographies in Assam** — MD Imtiyaz, PhD Scholar, Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia
2. **When Men Disappear: Climate Change, Effective Male Absence, and Gendered Immobility in Puducherry** — Silpa K. S., PhD Research Scholar, Pondicherry University
3. **Trapped in the Paddy Fields: Climate-Induced Migration and Involuntary Immobility–A Case Study of Koolippurackal Padasekharam, Kainakary, Kuttanad, Kerala** — Razia Fathima, PhD Scholar, Kerala Agricultural University; and Dr. Mercykutty M. J., Professor and Head, Kerala Agricultural University
4. **Intersectional Inequalities in Climate-Induced Migration in India: Evidence from the NSS 78th Round Multi-Indicator Survey** — Poornima K., Assistant Professor and Doctoral Scholar,

	Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore; and Bharath Raj Urs M., Assistant Professor of Economics, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore 5. Climate-Induced Migration and Gender Dynamics in Southeast Asia: A Situational Overview - Chandan Roy and Sreedevi R.S, Christ University 6. From Delta to Slum: Climate-Induced Migration and the Urbanisation of Ecological Crisis along the Sundarbans–Kolkata Corridor -Priscilla N. Rozario, Christ University, Bangalore Rapporteur: Ms. Kajol Umashankar Bangera
16:15–16:30	Tea Break
16:30–17:30	UTIF Project Inception Workshop

END OF DAY 1

7th August, 2026 : Day 2	
Time	Session
09:00–10:30	Round Table on Migrants and their Right to the City Discussants: • Dr. S. Irudaya Rajan, International Institute of Migration and Development, Kerala • Dr. Prerana Srimal, Christ University, Bangalore • Dr. Padmini Ram, Urban Ethnographers, Bangalore • Dr. K C Das, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai • Dr N. Neetha, Centre for Women's Development Studies, Delhi • Dr Niharika Singh, Symbiosis International University, Pune
10:30–10:45	Tea Break

10:45-13:00

Parallel Technical Sessions III

Theme: Transnational Lives and Livelihoods

Chair: Prof C.M. Lakshmana, ISEC

Discussant: Dr. Sobin George, ISEC

1. **Migrant Women, Remittances, and the Reconfiguration of Care in Sending Economies** — Ananya Revadi, Assistant Professor of Economics, KLE Society's Law College, Bengaluru
2. **Post-Flood Migration Dynamics in Assam, India: Nature, Characteristics, and Household-Level Impacts** — Plawana Borthakur, Research Scholar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
3. **Social Capital and Migration as an Adaptation Strategy: A Case Study from the Indian Sundarbans** — Sneha Biswas, Assistant Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad; and Sunil Nautiyal, Professor and Head, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru
4. **Floods, Migration and Ageing: Experiences of Left-Behind Elderly During and After Floods in a Rural Village of Nagaon District, Assam** — Riya Das, PhD Scholar, Pondicherry University
5. **Diaspora Engagement and Transnationalism: The Acceptance of Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) Status among Malaysian Indians** — Thirunaukarasu Subramaniam, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Universiti Malaya, Kuala Lumpur
6. **From Gulf to Global: Changes in Migration Patterns and Determinants in Kerala Before and After COVID-19** - Harsha Shyjinlin, Student, International Institute for Population Sciences.
7. **Shifting Canopies, Shifting Lives: LULC Transitions and Climate-Induced Livelihood Migration in the MM Hills Landscape** – Pruthivi, ISEC
8. **Pattern and drivers of agricultural labour migration in Karnataka – Empirical evidence of field survey data**– Vilas Jadhav and Jayadev Nayak, ISEC

Rapporteur: K Subhendu

Theme: Gender and Climate-Induced Migration

Chair: Prof Lekha Subaiya, ISEC

Discussant: Dr A V Manjunatha, ISEC

1. **Women, Caste and Climate-Induced Migration: A Study of the Gendered Dimensions of Migration in the Bundelkhand Region** — Monika Verma, PhD Scholar, Baikunthi Devi Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Agra
2. **Between River and Survival: Migration, Precarity and Women's Agency in Assam's Charlands** — Aatrayee Deka, PhD Scholar, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
3. **When Climate Became a War on Women: Slow Violence Across Bengal's Borderlands** — Manjari Chakraborty, Postgraduate Student, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)
4. **Reframing the 'Left Behind': Female-Headed Households, Climate Migration, and Gendered Adaptation in Rural India** — Megha Acharya, PhD Scholar, Sri Sri University

	5. Between Drought and Departure: Women-Led FPOs and Migration in Marathwada, Maharashtra — Saylie Mekhale, Assistant Professor, St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru 6. Strengthened local livelihoods and reduced distress migration among PVTG households in Jharkhand: longitudinal evidence from the Economic Inclusion Programme - Shivangi Gupta, Senior Research Associate, The Nudge Institute & Shefali Bajpai, Director, Learning and Impact, Rippleworks Rapporteur: K Subhendu Paper Presentation Theme 5: Transformative Adaptation through Migration and Mobility Chair: Dr Mrutuyan Jay Sahu, BITS, Pilani Discussant: Dr. Thomas Felix and Dr Khalil Musa Shaha 1. Beyond Resilience: Water Stress, Livelihood Transition, and Transformative Adaptation in Rural Ramanathapuram — Rajhashiree R., PhD Scholar and Research Associate, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Chennai 2. Environmental Precarity and Refugee Mobility: Dandakaranya and the Politics of Planned Relocation — Baishali Padhy, Doctoral Research Scholar, Sri Sri University, Cuttack 3. District-Level Analysis of Environmental Migration Patterns in the Sikkim Himalaya — Vivek Mishra, PhD Student, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi 4. Conduits of Urbanisation: A Study of Bengaluru City — Dr. Pramod V, Research Associate, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) 5. Airport-Led Urbanization and Systemic Socio-Economic Shifts: The Case of Bengaluru Aerotropolis — Dr. Shivakumar Nayka.G, Senior Consultant, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru 6. Climate Induced Migration and Urban Adaptation: A Study of Migrants in Delhi — Supriya Tripathi, Research Scholar, IGNOU
13:00-13:15	Closing Session
13:15-14:30	Lunch

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