

Dr Shalini Dhyani elected as MEP member of IPBES

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DR SHALINI Dhyani, Scientist-E, Head, the Centre for Ecological Systems and Resilience Design at the CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-NEERI), Nagpur, has been elected as a member of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP) of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). The election took place during the 12th session of the IPBES Plenary held in Manchester, UK recently.

With this achievement, Dr Dhyani becomes the first Indian woman to be elected to the IPBES MEP. Her tenure on the panel will run from 2026 to 2029. Established in 2012, IPBES is a global intergovern-

mental body comprising nearly 150 member countries that provides scientific assessments on biodiversity and ecosystem services, similar in role to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in the field of climate science.



The MEP consists of 25 internationally recognised experts who guide the scientific and technical work of IPBES. Dr Dhyani has been associated with the plat-

form for more than a decade and previously served as Lead Author for the Asia-Pacific Regional Assessment and Thematic Assessment on Sustainable Use of Wild Species.

With over two decades of research experience, work of Dr Dhyani focuses on ecosystem conservation, landscape restoration through nature-based solutions, climate adaptation and urban sustainability.