

How does India plan to protect its rich biodiversity, and what does it mean for our cities and urban campuses? To explore these questions, Infosys, in partnership with IIHS, Bengaluru, organized the second edition of Bioconserve2026 at the Infosys Bangalore office. Experts from various R&D institutions, as well as members of the state and national biodiversity boards, shared their perspectives on India's biodiversity roadmap and the importance of stewardship.

Dr. S. Venkata Mohan, Director, CSIR-NEERI, was one of the keynote speakers and highlighted the concept of campuses as "Living Labs", explaining how they can support biodiversity conservation and serve as test beds for solutions to urban challenges. Dr. Shalini Dhyani, Scientist-E, CSIR-NEERI, moderated a panel that brought together leaders from policy, academia, industry, and practice. The panel discussed the challenges, opportunities, and collaborations needed for the conservation of urban biodiversity.

CSIR-NEERI also set up a kiosk focused on the concept of campuses as living labs and showcased several knowledge products developed by the institute. The kiosk attracted significant interest from attendees, highlighting the wide range of work CSIR-NEERI has undertaken in urban biodiversity. During the event, Bioconserve2026 also launched the interactive Bioconserve online platform to showcase urban biodiversity efforts, with Dr. Shalini Dhyani serving as one of its editors.



