

List Of Participants

Sri Ajay Narayan Jha, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MOEFCC)
Gina Fullerlove, Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew
Vinita Damodaran, Centre of World Environmental History, University of Sussex (CWEH)
Paramjit Singh, Botanical Survey of India (BSI)
Deepak Kumar, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)
Antonia Moon, British Library (BL)
Arun Bandopadhyay, University of Calcutta
Anupama K., French Institute of Pondicherry
Subir Dey, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)
Rohan D'Souza, University of Kyoto
Mahua Sarkar, Jadavpur University
Robert Prys-Jones, Natural History Museum at Tring (NHM)

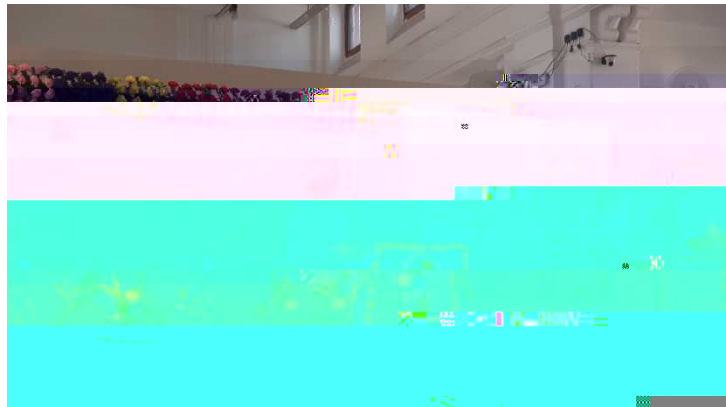
The second session focused on “Colonial Science and Empire”. It was opened by Deepak Kumar on the subject of “William Roxburgh,

2nd October

The first session of the second day was on “Environmental History in South Asia: New Challenges”. It was opened by Rohan D’Souza on “Politics at Boiling Point: South Asian Environmental History and the Anthropocene”. This was followed by Vinita Damodaran on “Colonial Science and Post-Colonial Botany: The Life of E.K. Janaki Ammal”. Next, Deepak Kumar spoke on “Science Popularisation in Colonial and Post-Colonial India”. Finally, Bikramaditya Chaudhary spoke on “Disease and Environmental History”.

The second session focused on “Empire, Natural History and Forestry” and was opened by Henry Noltie speaking on “Hugh Cleghorn: Indian Forrester, Scottish Laird”. This was followed by Robert Prys-Jones on “Allan Octavian Hume (1829-1912): The ‘Pope’ of South Asian Ornithology”. Finally, Bipasha Raha gave a speech on “The Flora of Birbhum: Ethnomedicine and the Santals”.

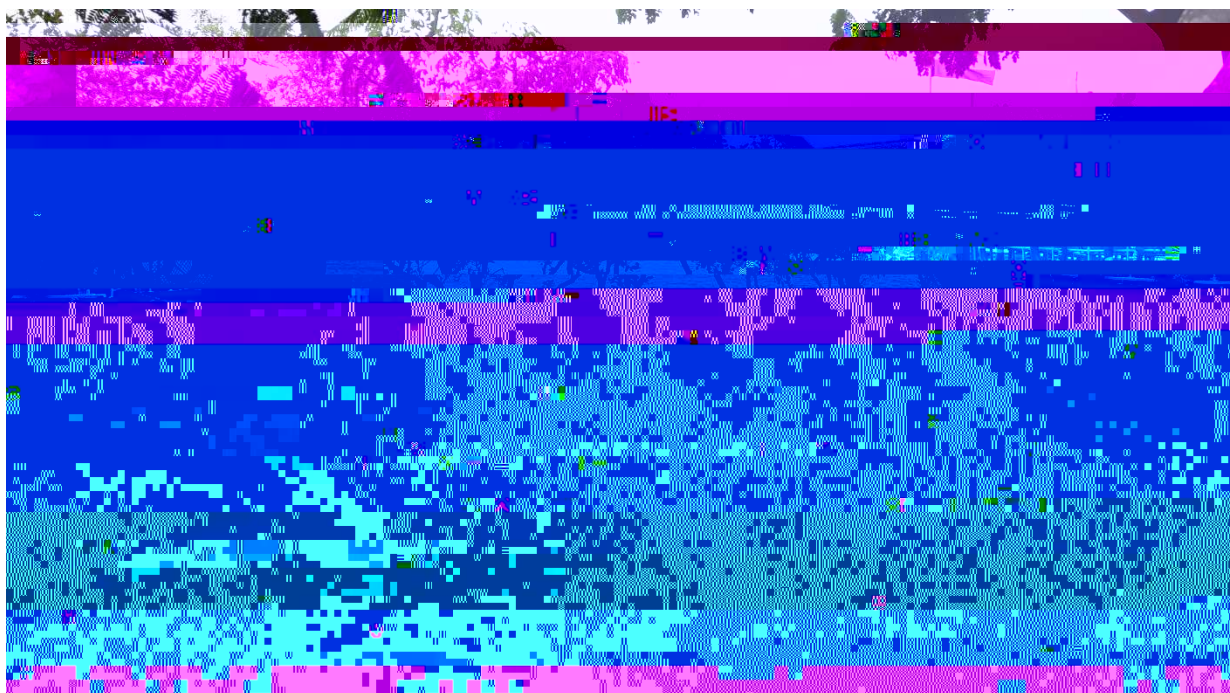
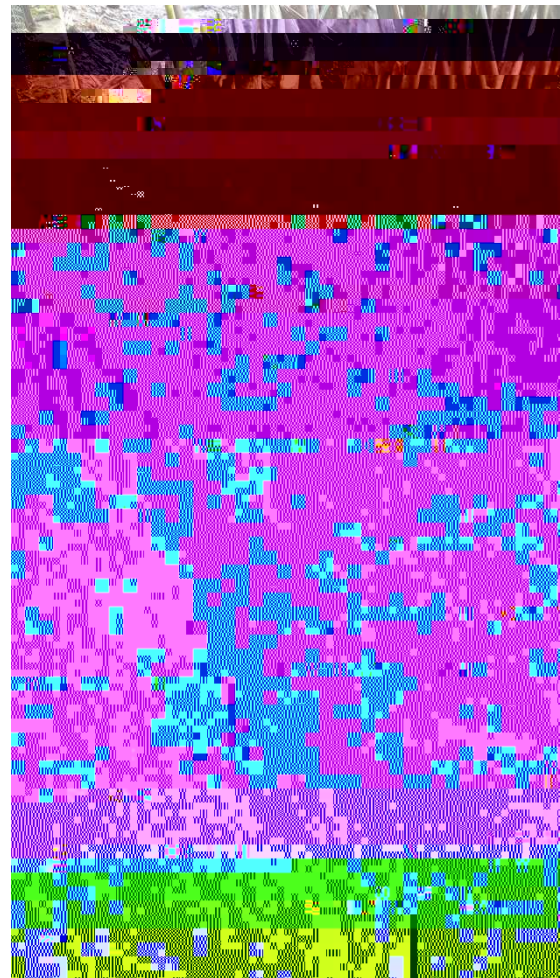
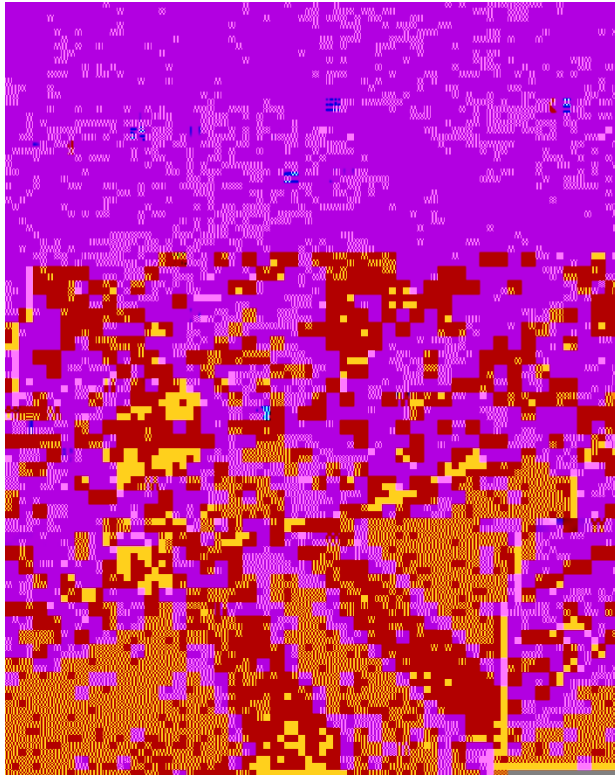
The concluding discussion was on the theme of “Climate Change and History” and included Rohan D’Souza, Vinita Damodaran, Bipasha Raha, Anupama K. and Er. Anoop Kumar Pathak.



A small number of participants, including Vinita Damodaran, Gina Fullerlove, Robert Prys-Jones, Rohan D'Souza, Henry Noltie and Antonia Moon visited the AJC Bose Botanic

3rd-4th October

The UK participants took a field trip to the Sundarbans National Park. This involved travelling through the mangroves and a visit to the tiger reserve. The purpose was to observe the unique ecosystem, the botany and the wildlife of the area.



6^t October

The exhibition in Mysore was opened by Shri A.C. Lakshmana, the former secretary to the Government of Karnataka in the department of Forest, Ecology and Environment. Antonia Moon gave him a tour of the British Library part of the exhibition. Following this, the conference was introduced by Dr. Venugopal, Director of the NMNH, Antonia Moon, Vinita Damodaran, A.C. Lakshmana, Dr. Manjula and G.N. Indresha.

The first session was on the theme of "Indian Natural History Collections". This was opened by Antonia Moon, who spoke about "RWOHLpb.1-Lz'IVi

7^t October

The opening session was on “Indigenous Collections” and featured Anindita Kundu Saha, a curator of the Kolkata exhibition, talking on “An Endangered Archive: The Puthi Collection of the Sundarbans”.

This was followed by the first of two sessions on “New Directions for Indian Environmental History”. It was opened by Rohan D’Souza on “Difficulties with Floating: Logging, Railways and River Control in

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[Kolkata celebrates botany legend Janaki Ammal with 100th birth anniversary](#)

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