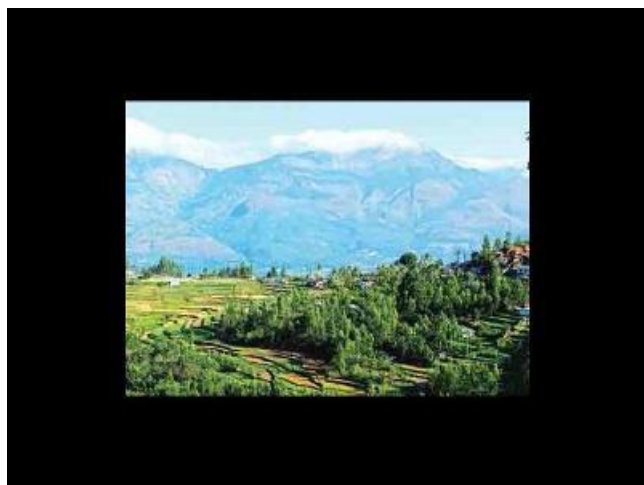


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International conference on conservation, sustainable management of Western Ghats at Moodbidri from December 28

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MANGALURU: To discuss and draw strategies on conservation and sustainable management of wetlands, Alva's College and Alva's Institute of Engineering and Technology, Mijar, Moodbidri here will organize "Conservation and Sustainable Management of Ecologically Sensitive Region Western Ghats" from December 28.

The 10th Biennial Lake International Conference 2016 will provide opportunity to increase understanding of the role of lakes in sustaining the food, water and human livelihood with the challenges faced by these fragile ecosystems.

Dr Kurian, Principal, Alva's College, said this would provide a platform for interaction among researchers, policy makers, academics and NGOs and address the issues related to wetlands and biodiversity in an era of climate change, and developing a stronger network among experts and institutions.

Rajesh B. Associate Professor, PG Department of Applied Botany, Alva's College, said they have received more than 100 scientific papers on 23 themes from researchers, planners, development managers, economists and social scientists (VIII - XII students) and college students and college teachers.

Prof K. Byrappa, Vice chancellor, Mangalore University will inaugurate the programme. Foreign scientists Dr Timo Finland, Prof. Alfred Wuest, Switzerland, Dr Rajeshkar, Canada, Dr T V Ramachandra, Eminent Scientist, IISc Bangalore are the special invitees.

The Yuva lake conference programme on December 29 will be inaugurated by Union Minister Ananth Kumar. The programme will be chaired by Union Minister A Madhav Dave. Ten great personalities who served in academics and scientific fields will be felicitated during the conference.

There will also be an exhibition of software and hardware related to Restoration and Monitoring technologies, Wetland analysis, Geographic Information System (GIS), GPS, Remote sensing, Image processing and Cartography, as well as medicinal plants, homemade products, organic farming, agriculture tools/ devices and products and services of organizations and agencies working in the area related to the theme of the conference, can participate during the

Johny Biosphere Programme: M A Khan, Principal of KK high school, Bengaluru, will perform a special program Vedhike for high school students, related to environments, earth, and water, importance of organisms and cons sustainable management of Natural resources.