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**Title:** Strategic Conservation Planning for Climate-Resilient Landscapes in the Eastern Himalayas

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (Wednesday)

**Time:** Group B: 10:00 – 11:30 am

**Venue:** Jehangir 1, Taj Palace, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi

Time	Agenda Item
5 minutes	<b>Opening Session</b> <b>Setting the Stage: Why Restoration and Protection Matter in the Eastern Himalayas</b>  <b>Aniruddh Soni</b> , Fellow & Area Convenor, <i>Centre for Forest and Biodiversity Conservation, TERI</i>
10 minutes	<b>Mountains to Mangroves Atlas Showcase: Mapping for Impact</b> - Explore how mapping and modelling can unlock large-scale restoration and protection opportunities across the Eastern Himalayas  <b>Mr. Saurav Malhotra</b> , <i>Founding Managing Director, Mountains to Mangroves, Conservation International</i>  <b>Dr Kashif Shaad</b> , <i>Freshwater Science Director, Conservation International</i>
65 minutes	<b>Pannel Discussion</b> <b>Financing Nature: Scaling Restoration and Protection in the Eastern Himalayas</b>  <b>Mr Sushil Kumar Awasthi (Chair)</b> <i>Director General of Forest &amp; Special Secretary, MOEF&amp;CC, Govt. of India</i>  <b>Representative from FCDO</b> <i>To be declared</i>  <b>Mr Alejandro von Bertrab</b> <i>Head of Project – Restore, Conserve and Protect Forest and Tree Cover for NDC Implementation in India (RECAP4NDC), GIZ</i>  <b>Ms Prachi Maheshwari</b> <i>Conservation Finance Lead Asia, Conservation International</i>  <b>Ms Saloni Goel</b> <i>Senior Director, The Coca-Cola Foundation</i>  <b>Mr Sandeep Roy Choudhury</b> <i>Co-Founder &amp; Director, Value Network Ventures</i>  <b>Dr Jitendra Vir Sharma</b> <i>Senior Director, Water Waste and Natural Resources, TERI</i>
10 minutes	<b>Discussion and Concluding Remarks by Mr. Sushil Kumar Awasthi</b> <i>Director General of Forest &amp; Special Secretary, MOEF&amp;CC, Govt. of India</i>