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**Announcement: Second Indian Biodiversity Congress (IBC 2012)**

9 to 11 December 2012, JN Tata Auditorium, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

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The Second Indian Biodiversity Congress is scheduled at Bangalore during 9-12 December 2012 as a joint initiative of Centre for Innovation in Science and Social Action (CISSA), Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions (FRLHT), Bangalore and Navdanya, Delhi. The focal theme of second IBC is “Biodiversity of the Western Ghats- Challenges and Strategies for Conservation and Sustainable Management”. Now the Western Ghats has been declared as a Natural World Heritage by UNESCO, as areas representing pre-eminent spots of biodiversity that must be identified, protected and conserved by a global community. IBC will discuss the biodiversity heritage of this global hotspot and the challenges and strategies to conserve this area as a natural heritage.

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