

Post Event Report

International Virtual Conference on Innovate Green Business (IVC-IGB 2026)

Date: August 12, 2026

Organized By: Southwestern State College (SWSC)

Initiated By: Southwestern Academic Research Center (SWARC)

In Association With: Kuala Lumpur University of Science and Technology (KLUST - International Partner), Malaysia, Himalayan WhiteHouse International College (National Partner), and Southwestern Management and Technology (SWSMT)

Platform: Microsoft Teams (Fully Virtual)

Time- 8.30 am to 5.30 pm

Event Summary

The IVC-IGB 2026 conference ended successfully as a major online event. It brought together university leaders, international scientists, corporate experts, and more than 500 student innovators from Kathmandu. The entire event was streamed live on Facebook and received overwhelmingly positive feedback from a global audience. Led by Conference Convener Dr. Shipra Jha, the event helped students connect their ideas with real-world green business practices.

Session Highlights

- **Part I: Opening Session**

The event started with international remarks from Prof. **Dr. Huam Hon Tat** (Vice Chancellor of KLUST, Malaysia). Welcome speeches were given by **Dr. Rajendra KC** (Campus Chief, SWSC & Chief Patron) and Executive Patron **Dr. Hari Singh K.C.** [SWARC Chairperson] Guest speakers from Kathmandu University (**Prof. Dr. Gajendra Sharma** and **Dr. Biraj Singh Thapa**), Himalayan WhiteHouse College (**Prof. Dr. Yadav Raj Koirala & Mr. Dilip Bhattarai**), and NAST (**Dr. Tista Joshi**) shared insights on green tech and college partnerships.

- **Part II: Expert Technical Sessions [Talk Highlights & Encouragement]**

Top industry experts shared practical lessons to inspire the student body. **Dr. Vishnu Khanal** explained how green consumer habits are shifting markets, **Dr. Abid Hussain** (ICIMOD) discussed resilient mountain business models, and **Dr. Vibha Dhawan** (TERI) opened up new horizons on the carbon-efficient software revolution. **Mr. Pankaj Pradhananga** (Impact Adventure) shared strategies for inclusive, regenerative travel, and **Dr. Kamaljeet Kaur** (KLUST) unpacked how AI reshapes green consumer decisions. Throughout these sessions, speakers strongly encouraged the student audience to take

up bold research projects and design creative solutions to tackle current climate challenges.

- **Part III: Alumni Advisory Conclave**

Successful alumni returned online to guide the students. **Resham Jung Singh** (KLUST), Malaysia), **Dr. Gaurav Gyawali** (Hewlett Packard Labs, USA), **Sabika Shrestha** (NTV World), and **Swaraj Sagar Pradhan** (Stony Brook University, New York) gave tips on artificial intelligence, public speaking, and launching a new startup.

- **Part IV: Green Business Idea Pitch Competition Highlights**

During this energetic session, undergraduate student teams pitched their eco-friendly startup ideas across three dedicated rounds. The presentations highlighted practical solutions for local green businesses, tech-driven climate ideas, and sustainable circular economy models. The senior alumni judges praised the students for their creative thinking and sharp presentation skills. They strongly encouraged the young innovators to keep refining their business models and to use the college incubator network to transform these student projects into real, thriving startups.

- **Part V: Closing & Vote of Thanks**

The event concluded with the final pitch results from the judges. Sarita Shakya Pradhan (Vice-Chairperson, SWARC) gave the concluding remarks, focusing on the conference goals and future student incubator steps. Finally, followed by formal Vote of Thanks to close the international event. The event proceedings were officially compiled by Session Reporter Mr. Harikrishna Lamichhane, while technical support was successfully managed by Mr. Sandesh Giri, Dharmen Maharjan and Mr. Rajendra Gajural under the supervision of Samridi Man Tapol.

Link for the IVC session

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