



# Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology & Palaeontological Society of India

*Cordially invite for the*

**Celebration of 75 years of  
The Palaeontological Society of India, Lucknow  
(Dehradun Chapter) cum  
Fossil Day in WIHG, Dehradun**

## Deciphering the Himalayan Fossil Record

**DATE: 15TH OCTOBER, 2025; TIME: 10.00 TO 12.30 HRS  
VENUE: WADIA INSTITUTE OF HIMALAYAN GEOLOGY, DEHRADUN**

**RSVP  
DIRECTOR, WIHG**

**Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology**  
(An autonomous institute of Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt)

## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

10:00 hrs: Assembly of Guests, Students and Employees in Auditorium  
10:05 hrs: Introduction and welcome of guests by Dr. Vineet K. Gahalaut, Director, WIHG, Dehradun  
10:15 hrs: Brief introduction about PSI Platinum Jubilee by Dr Rajiv Nigam, President, PSI, Lucknow  
10:25 hrs: A short documentary on the contribution of The Palaeontologists of WIHG, Dehradun  
10:30 hrs: Talk by Prof. Jonathan C. Aitchison, Queensland University, Australia  
11:05 hrs: High Tea  
11:15 hrs: Talk by Dr. R.J. Azmi, Retired Scientist-G, WIHG, Dehradun  
11:50 hrs: Talk by Prof. Sunil Bajpai, IITR and Chairman, RAC, WIHG, Dehradun  
12:25 hrs: Vote of thanks by Dr. Kapesa Lokho, Scientist-F & Head, Palaeontology Group, WIHG  
& Convener, Platinum Jubilee of the Palaeontological Society of India, Dehradun Chapter

You are cordially invited to join the illuminating talks  
by the following eminent Professors/Scientists



### **Dr Rafat Jamal Azmi**

Humboldt Fellow, Former Scientist G & Head, Biostratigraphy Division, WIHG, Dehradun and Associate Adviser, Frontier Basin ONGC, Dehradun

Title: The fossil power: Indian Context with special emphasis on the Himalaya-Vindhyan connection and tectonics



### **Prof Sunil Bajpai**

Professor, Department of Earth Sciences, IIT Roorkee  
Chairman, Research Advisory Committee (RAC), WIHG  
Former Director, Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), Lucknow

Title: Timing of the India-Asia Collision: Insights from an Early Eocene Terrestrial Vertebrate Fauna



### **Prof Jonathan C. Aitchison**

Professor, School of the Environment, University of Queensland, Australia

Title: Three decades of radiolarian work across the Himalaya: A retrospective

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