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The Special Issue of 'Kailash Sacred Landscape' in the Environmental Challenges journal features papers presented at the Kailash CAFE.

The Kailash Consortium of Academics and Researchers for Experience-sharing (Kailash CAFE) is a digital platform that brings together researchers working across multiple disciplines within the Kailash Sacred Landscape. It provides them an opportunity to share their findings with peers and other interested stakeholders, exchange ideas and methodologies, and explore research collaboration and networking opportunities.

The first iteration of the Kailash CAFE was conducted as a virtual four-day event from 20 to 23 April 2021 and featured 29 speakers.

This section contains following open access papers:

The transhumance route of Pithoragarh: A cultural route?

Samiksha Srichandan, Ram Sateesh Pasupuleti, Anindya Jayanta Mishra

Wood for thought? Untold consequences of the Himalayan gold collection in the Central Himalaya

Kesang Wangchuk, Janita Gurung, Binaya Pasakhala, Prashant Thapaliya, Kamala Gurung, Pradyumna J.B. Rana

Influence of season and habitat on birds in a mid-altitudinal village ecosystem of Kailash Sacred Landscape-India

Sumit Kumar Arya, Govindan Veeraswami Gopi

Population levels and productivity of the Himalayan Griffon (*Gyps himalayensis*) in Baitadi District, Nepal

Krishna Prasad Bhusal, Hiru Lal Dangaura, Christopher J.W. McClure

Understanding the visual image of Kailash Sacred Landscape through geo-tagged landscape photos mapping

Yucheng Zhang, Jie He

Challenges and opportunities under COVID-19 on rural populace in Kailash Sacred Landscape (KSL)-India

Ravindra K. Joshi, Ravi Pathak, Rishav Rawal, Shinny Thakur, Vikram S. Negi, I. D. Bhatt

Trade potentiality of oils extracted from *Prunus davidiana* (wild apricot), *Sapindus mukorossi* (soapnut) and *Zanthoxylum armatum* (Nepalese pepper) in Kailash Sacred Landscape, Nepal

Dipesh Pyakurel, Bijay Raj Subedee, Chandra Kanta Subedi, Janita Gurung, Ram Prasad Chaudhary

Construction in western Nepal and its potential repercussions on health

Saurav Dev, Ashhrik Pahari, Shashank Mishra, Aayam Adhikari

Assessment of traditional techniques used by communities in Indian part of Kailash Sacred Landscape (KSL) for minimizing human-wildlife conflict

Ajaz Hussain, B. S. Adhikari, S. Sathyakumar, G. S. Rawat