



**THE FIRST INDO-NEPAL JOINT SYMPOSIUM ON  
ENGINEERING GEOLOGY (INJSEG 2026)**

**IN CONJUNCTION WITH**  
**THE 4<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL ENGINEERING GEOLOGY DAY (NEG DAY 2026)**

**THEME: SILENT FORCES OF NATURE AND GROWING RISK IN THE HIMALAYAN REGION**

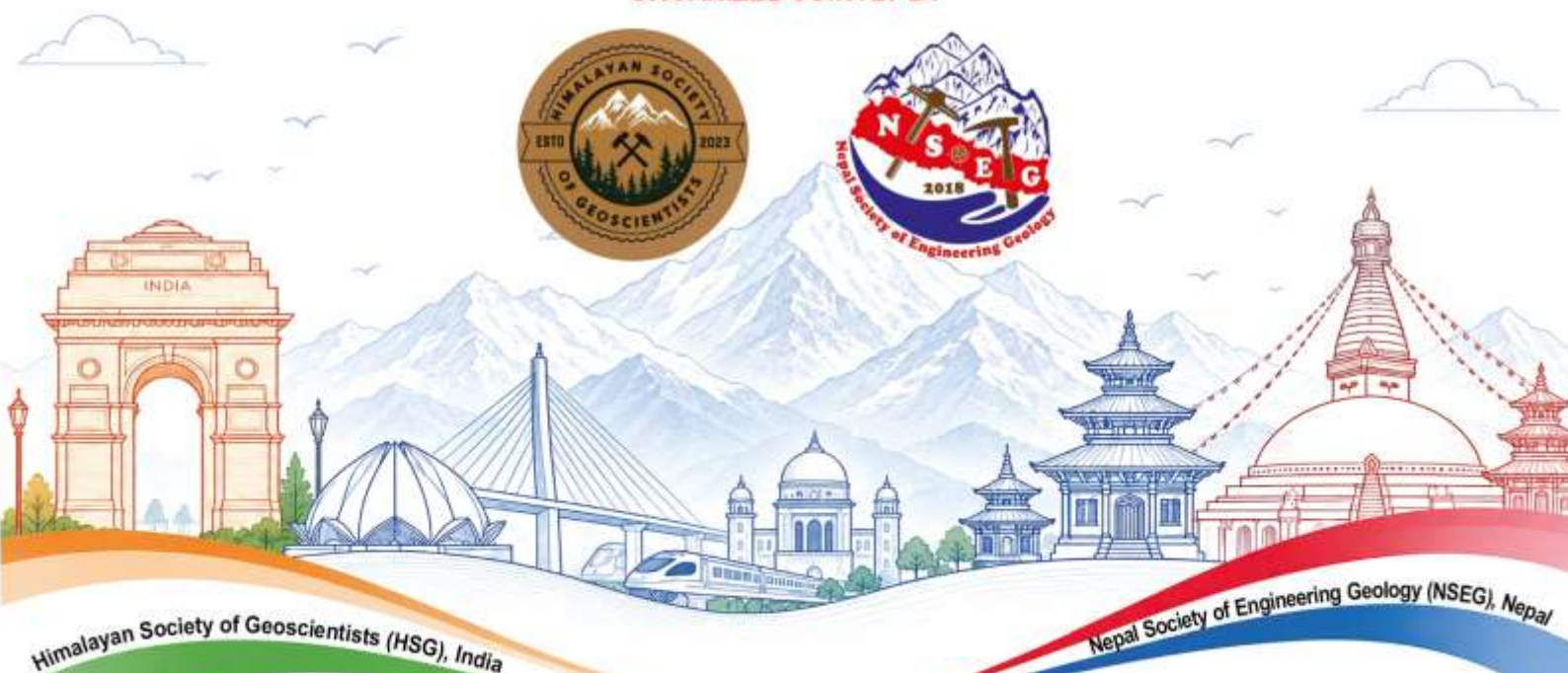


**11-12  
OCTOBER 2026**



**THE PLAZA  
KATHMANDU VALLEY, NEPAL**

**ORGANIZED JOINTLY BY**



**Himalayan Society of Geoscientists (HSG), India**

**Nepal Society of Engineering Geology (NSEG), Nepal**



**Join researchers, engineers, geologists, academicians, students, consultants, and  
Policymakers from all over the world to advance Engineering Geology for a resilient Himalayan future.**



## Background and Rationale

The Himalaya is one of the youngest and most tectonically active mountain belts in the world, where active tectonics, rapid erosion, fragile geological conditions, and climate-induced changes continually shape the landscape. These silent forces of nature gradually influence slope stability, river systems, glaciers, and ground conditions, often remaining unnoticed until they trigger devastating events such as earthquakes, landslides, rockfalls, debris flows, glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs), and river erosion. At the same time, rapid urbanization and the expansion of transportation, hydropower, and other critical infrastructure are increasing exposure to these evolving geological risks.



Engineering Geology plays a vital role in understanding these complex processes and integrating geological knowledge into the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of resilient infrastructure. Recognizing the shared geological setting and common engineering challenges of the Himalayan region, the Nepal Society of Engineering Geology (NSEG) and the Himalayan Society of Geoscientists (HSG) have jointly initiated the First Indo-Nepal Joint Symposium on Engineering Geology (INJSEG 2026). Under the theme "Silent Forces of Nature and Growing Risk in the Himalayan Region," the symposium aims to strengthen scientific collaboration, promote knowledge exchange, and encourage innovative engineering solutions for disaster risk reduction and sustainable development across the Himalaya.



## Theme

The Himalayan region is shaped by powerful geological processes that often remain hidden beneath the Earth's surface. Active tectonics, rock weathering, slope deformation, glacier retreat, groundwater movement, and climate-induced changes continuously influence the stability of the landscape. Although these processes are largely invisible in their early stages, they gradually increase the likelihood of natural hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, rockfalls, debris flows, and glacial lake outburst floods.





As population growth and infrastructure development continue to expand across the Himalaya, the interaction between these natural processes and human activities has significantly increased the exposure and vulnerability of communities and critical infrastructure.

The theme of **INJSEG 2026**, "*Silent Forces of Nature and Growing Risk in the Himalayan Region*," highlights the need to better understand these evolving geological processes and their implications for engineering practice. The symposium provides a platform for scientists, engineers, practitioners, policymakers, and young professionals to exchange knowledge, present innovative research, and promote collaborative solutions for resilient infrastructure and sustainable development throughout the Himalayan region.

## About INJSEG 2026

The First Indo-Nepal Joint Symposium on Engineering Geology (INJSEG 2026) is the inaugural bilateral scientific forum jointly organized by the Nepal Society of Engineering Geology (NSEG) and the Himalayan Society of Geoscientists (HSG). The symposium establishes a long-term platform for scientific cooperation in engineering geology, natural hazards, geotechnical engineering and resilient infrastructure development across the Himalayan region. It is organized in conjunction with the 4th National Engineering Geology Day (NEG Day 2026).

## Objectives

- Strengthen scientific collaboration between Nepal and India through NSEG and HSG.
- Celebrate the 4th National Engineering Geology Day as a regional scientific platform.
- Promote interdisciplinary dialogue on Himalayan natural hazards.
- Exchange research findings, professional experiences and engineering solutions.
- Foster collaboration among academia, government, consultants, industry and young professionals.
- Promote sustainable infrastructure planning through engineering geological investigation and hazard assessment.
- Encourage collaborative research, capacity building and long-term partnerships

## Organizing Institution

### Himalayan Society of Geoscientists, India



The Himalayan Society of Geoscientists (HSG), India, is a professional organization dedicated to advancing geoscience research and collaboration in the Himalayan region. It was established in 2023 and it brings together geologists, engineering geologists, geophysicists, researchers, professionals, and students to promote scientific exchange and interdisciplinary research. The Society organizes conferences, workshops, seminars, and field excursions to enhance understanding of Himalayan geology, tectonics, geohazards, natural resources, and environmental sustainability. HSG also supports young scientists through training and networking opportunities. By enhancing scientific excellence and collaboration, the Society



contributes to disaster risk reduction, sustainable development, and improved understanding of the complex Himalayan Mountain system.

## Nepal Society of Engineering Geology, Nepal



The Nepal Society of Engineering Geology (*NSEG*) is a national professional organization dedicated to advancing engineering geology and promoting the application of geosciences for sustainable infrastructure development and disaster risk reduction in Nepal. Established in 2018, which is also a National group of IAEG. NSEG brings together engineering geologists, geologists, researchers, academics, students, and industry professionals to foster scientific collaboration and professional excellence. The Society organizes conferences,

workshops, lectures, training programs, and field excursions while publishing the *Asian Journal of Engineering Geology (AJEG)*. Through national and international partnerships, NSEG contributes to capacity building, geohazard mitigation, engineering geological research, and the sustainable development of Nepal's mountainous environment.

## Organizers

### Organized jointly by:

- Nepal Society of Engineering Geology (NSEG), Nepal
- Himalayan Society of Geoscientists (HSG), India

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Mr. Bhaskar Datt Patni

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The complete Organizing Committee, Scientific Committee, and Advisory Committee will be updated on the official symposium website.





## Message from the Convener



It is a great honor and privilege to welcome you to the **First Indo-Nepal Joint Symposium on Engineering Geology (INJSEG 2026)**, jointly organized by the Himalayan Society of Geoscientists (HSG), India, and the Nepal Society of Engineering Geology (NSEG), Nepal.

The Himalaya is a shared geological system that connects our two countries through common landscapes, resources, and challenges. Rapid infrastructure development, increasing geological hazards, and the impacts of climate change demand stronger regional collaboration and the exchange of scientific knowledge to promote safer and more sustainable development across the Himalayan region.

The theme, "**Silent Forces of Nature and Growing Risk in the Himalayan Region**," reflects the importance of understanding the hidden geological processes that influence natural hazards and infrastructure resilience. INJSEG 2026 provides an excellent platform for researchers, engineers, professionals, and young scientists from Nepal, India, and beyond to exchange ideas, share experiences, and build lasting scientific partnerships.

I sincerely hope this inaugural symposium marks the beginning of a long-standing collaboration between our professional societies and contributes significantly to advancing engineering geology and geo-hazard research in the Himalaya.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I warmly invite you to join us in Kathmandu and look forward to meeting you at INJSEG 2026.

**Mr. Bhaskar Datt Patni**

**Symposium Convener (India)**

**The First Indo-Nepal Joint Symposium on Engineering Geology (INJSEG 2026)**

## Message from the Convener



It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the **First Indo-Nepal Joint Symposium on Engineering Geology (INJSEG 2026)**, jointly organized by the Nepal Society of Engineering Geology (NSEG), Nepal, and the Himalayan Society of Geoscientists (HSG), India. The symposium will be held in Kathmandu, Nepal, on **11–12 October 2026**, in conjunction with the **4th National Engineering Geology Day (NEG Day)**.

The Himalaya is one of the world's most dynamic mountain systems, where active tectonics, climate change, and rapid infrastructure development continue to create significant engineering geological challenges. As neighboring



Himalayan countries, Nepal and India share many of these challenges, making scientific collaboration and knowledge exchange more important than ever.

With the theme **"Silent Forces of Nature and Growing Risk in the Himalayan Region,"** INJSEG 2026 aims to bring together researchers, professionals, policymakers, and young scientists to discuss emerging geo-hazards, resilient infrastructure, and sustainable mountain development. We hope this symposium will serve as a long-term platform for strengthening Indo–Nepal cooperation in engineering geology and related disciplines.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I warmly invite you to participate in INJSEG 2026 and contribute to this important scientific gathering. I look forward to welcoming you to Kathmandu for two days of insightful discussions, professional networking, and collaborative learning.

**Prof. Dr. Ranjan Kumar Dahal**  
**Symposium Convener (Nepal)**

**The First Indo-Nepal Joint Symposium on Engineering Geology (INJSEG 2026)**

## Scientific Themes

- Himalayan Engineering Geology
- Active Tectonics and Seismic Hazards
- Landslides, Rockfalls and Slope Stability
- Climate Change and Emerging Geological Risks
- Glacial Hazards and Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs)
- Engineering Geological and Geotechnical Investigation
- Hydropower, Transportation and Tunnel Engineering
- Disaster Risk Reduction and Community Resilience
- Nature-based Solutions for Geo-Hazard Management
- Sustainable Mountain Development and Transboundary Cooperation

## Program at a Glance

| Date               | Activities                                                                                                   |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11 October 2026    | Opening Ceremony, Keynotes, Technical Sessions, Poster Presentations, NEG Day Celebration and Welcome Dinner |
| 12 October 2026    | Technical Sessions, Panel Discussion, Awards, Closing Ceremony                                               |
| 13-15 October 2026 | Field Excursions                                                                                             |

## Field Excursions

Three-day field excursions will be organized after the symposium. Participation is optional and requires separate registration. Detailed itineraries, registration procedures, and fees will be published on the official symposium website.







## Call for Extended Abstracts

Extended Abstracts (maximum two pages) are invited for oral and poster presentations. Accepted abstracts will be published in the symposium abstract volume. Accepted Extended Abstracts will be published in the Special Issue (Volume 3) of the Asian Journal of Engineering Geology (AJEG). Selected full papers will be considered for publication in AJEG Volumes 4 and 5 after peer review.

## Registration

Registration categories include Professional Delegate, Student Delegate, and Accompanying Person. The registration fee includes access to all technical sessions, symposium materials, the abstract volume, lunches, tea/coffee breaks, the NEG Day Celebration, a conference kit, and the Welcome Dinner. Registration for the field excursion is separate. Registration fees and payment procedures will be available on the official symposium website. To complete registration, participants must complete the online registration form, pay the applicable registration fee, upload the payment receipt, and, for presenting authors, upload their extended abstract. Participants should also carry a valid ID card or passport during the symposium. Those participating in the field excursion are advised to bring suitable trekking shoes, a field notebook, rain protection, and any personal medication required.

## Registration Fees

Registration is confirmed only after payment. The fee includes access to all technical sessions, symposium kit, tea/coffee breaks, lunch (2 days), welcome dinner, digital abstract volume and certificate.

| Category                                      | Non-Member | Student/early career |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| <b>Nepal non- member of NSEG</b>              | NPR 10,000 | NPR 5,000            |
| <b>India non- member of HGS</b>               | INR 10,000 | INR 5,000            |
| <b>South Asia</b>                             | USD 150    | USD 75               |
| <b>International</b>                          | USD 250    | USD 125              |
| <b>Institutional participation from Nepal</b> | NPR 15,000 |                      |
| <b>Institutional participation from India</b> | INR 15,000 |                      |
| <b>Accompanying person</b>                    | INR 7,500  |                      |

\*NSEG and HSG members are requested to contact the Organizing Committee for member registration fees and payment details.



## Registration Policy

- Registration is confirmed only after payment verification.
- Registration fees are non-refundable but transferable before the registration deadline.
- Field excursion registration is separate from symposium registration.
- Field excursion seats are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Important Dates

| Activity                              | Date                       |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Registration Opens                    | 15 July 2026               |
| Extended Abstract Submission Opens    | 15 July 2026               |
| Extended Abstract Submission Deadline | 25 September 2026          |
| Notification of Acceptance            | After 3 days of submission |
| Registration Deadline                 | 20 September 2026          |
| Symposium                             | 11-12 October 2026         |
| Field Excursions                      | 13-15 October 2026         |
| Deadline for Full Paper Submission    | 14 February 2027           |
| Publication of AJEG Special Issue     | 30 June 2027               |

## Venue

Kathmandu- Nepal

Conference venue: The Plaza, Lalitpur, Kathmandu valley Nepal

## Accommodation

Participants from India are requested to arrange their own accommodation. A list of recommended hotels near The Plaza Kathmandu will be available on the symposium website.

## Climate

October is one of the most pleasant months in Kathmandu, with clear skies, mild temperatures, and comfortable weather. Daytime temperatures range from 20°C to 28°C, while mornings and evenings are cooler (10°C–15°C). Participants are advised to bring light warm clothing, particularly for early mornings, evenings, and the field excursion.

## Field Excursion (13-15 October 2026)

A three-day engineering geological field excursion will be organized after the symposium. Separate registration is required.

| Day & Date                                 | Time        | Schedule / Activity                    |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------|
| Day 1 (13 Oct 2026)<br>Kathmandu - Pokhara | 08:00       | Departure from venue hotel             |
|                                            | 08:00–09:00 | Travel to Nagdhunga Road Tunnel Site   |
|                                            | 09:00–10:00 | Observation of Nagdhunga Tunnel Outlet |
|                                            | 10:00–12:00 | Travel to Krishna Bhair                |
|                                            | 12:00–12:30 | Observation of Krishna Bhair           |





| Day & Date                                                                         | Time        | Schedule / Activity                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                    | 13:15       | Arrival at Kurintar                            |
|                                                                                    | 13:15–14:00 | Lunch at Kurintar (Barasinghe Beer Factory)    |
|                                                                                    | 15:30–16:30 | Observation of Tanahu Hydropower Dam           |
|                                                                                    | 16:30–18:00 | Travel to Pokhara and hotel check-in           |
|                                                                                    | 19:00       | Dinner at Lakeside, Pokhara                    |
| <b>Day 2 (14 October 2026)</b><br><b>Pokhara – Geological Features Exploration</b> | 08:00       | Departure from hotel                           |
|                                                                                    | 08:30       | Arrival at World Peace Stupa                   |
|                                                                                    | 08:30–09:30 | Observation of World Peace Stupa               |
|                                                                                    | 10:00       | Arrival at Devi's Fall                         |
|                                                                                    | 10:00–11:30 | Observation of Devi's Fall and Gupteshwor Cave |
|                                                                                    | 12:00–13:00 | Lunch (Authentic Thakali Cuisine)              |
|                                                                                    | 13:30       | Arrival at Ramghat                             |
|                                                                                    | 13:30–14:30 | Observation of Seti River Gorge Opening        |
|                                                                                    | 15:00       | Arrival at Mahendra Cave                       |
|                                                                                    | 15:00–16:00 | Observation of Mahendra Cave                   |
|                                                                                    | 16:30       | Return to hotel                                |
|                                                                                    | 16:30–22:00 | Free time to explore the Lakeside area         |
| <b>Day 3 (15 Oct 2026) Pokhara – Kathmandu</b>                                     | Morning     | Departure from Pokhara by bus                  |
|                                                                                    | —           | Return journey to Kathmandu                    |

\*Interested participants can enjoy the surrounding environment.

### Field Excursion Fee

| Category                     | India     | International |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| <b>3-Day Field Excursion</b> | INR 28000 | USD 400       |

\*The Field Excursion Fee Includes: Round-trip transportation (Kathmandu–Pokhara–Kathmandu) by bus, hotel accommodation (twin-sharing basis), lunch and dinner during the excursion, technical field guide, and guided visits to selected engineering geological sites.

## Sponsorship Opportunities

The First Indo-Nepal Joint Symposium on Engineering Geology (INJSEG 2026) offers organizations an excellent opportunity to showcase their brand while supporting scientific collaboration and sustainable infrastructure development in the Himalayan region.

Jointly organized by the **Nepal Society of Engineering Geology (NSEG)**, Nepal and the **Himalayan Society of Geoscientists (HSG)**, India, the symposium will bring together engineering geologists, geoscientists, geotechnical engineers, researchers, consultants, infrastructure professionals, policymakers, industry representatives, and students from Nepal, India, and beyond. Sponsors will benefit from high-profile visibility through branding on symposium materials, the official website, digital promotions, exhibition spaces, and onsite displays. INJSEG 2026 provides a valuable platform to connect with a specialized audience, demonstrate innovative technologies, strengthen professional networks, and enhance corporate recognition within the geoscience and infrastructure sectors. By partnering with INJSEG 2026, sponsors contribute to



advancing engineering geology research, knowledge exchange, and sustainable infrastructure development across the Himalayan region.

| Benefits to Sponsor                                          | SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES |                 |              |                |                 |
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| A dynamic banner in conference homepage                      | ✓                    | ✗               | ✗            | ✗              | ✗               |
| Price in US\$                                                | 5,000                | 3,000           | 2,000        | 1,000          | 500             |
| Price in INRs.                                               | 500,000              | 300,000         | 200,000      | 100,000        | 50,000          |
| Price in NPRs.                                               | 800,000              | 480,000         | 320,000      | 160,000        | 80,000          |

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