

# Groundswell schedule

June 2–3, 2026

**Venue:** Zip by Spree hotels Grand Legacy Prime,  
Sai Lok Crossing, General Mahadev Singh Road, Dehradun



## June 2, 2026

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9:00 AM – 9:30 AM Registration

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9:25 AM – 9:30 AM General housekeeping

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9:30 AM – 9:40 AM Welcome

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9:40 AM – 10:15 AM **Keynote address:** Dr S S Negi, Vice-Chairman, Rural Development and Migration Commission, Uttarakhand

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10:15 AM – 10:45 AM Tea break

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### **Mapping migration: Why counting migrant workers is important and how is it being done?**

Pinky Barda - Mukhiya of Kuju Gram Panchayat, Jharkhand

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Nanjaya Pradhan - Sarpanch of Danekbadi Gram Panchayat, Odisha

Jobin Chacko - Manager, Gram Vikas

Moderator - Arindam Banerjee, Co-founder and partner, Policy and Development Advisory Group

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12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch

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### **City for city makers: How can city governance account for the workers building its infrastructure?**

Tikender Panwar - Researcher and former deputy mayor, Simla

Ravi Pandey, Urban governance specialist, Uttarakhand Government

Dipali Bhoite - City coordinator, Jalgaon/Amalner (Maharashtra), Mahila

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Housing Trust

Shagufta Niyaz Ali Saiyyad - Grassroot leader, Amalner (Maharashtra), Mahila Housing Trust

Anil Petwal, Additional Labour Commissioner, Uttarakhand

Moderator - Mandvi Kulshreshtha, Senior program adviser, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (India)

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3:00 PM – 3:30 PM      Tea break

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**Community-led solutions: How communities are innovating and building on initiatives to become self-reliant?**  
Ramlal Jat - Biliya Panchayat, Rajasthan  
Laxman Vaishnav - Biliya Panchayat, Rajasthan  
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM      Khasti Koranga - Farmer, Shama village, Kapkot block, Uttarakhand  
Malti Devi - Farmer, Malladesh village, Kapkot block, Uttarakhand  
Moderator - Puran Bartwal, Head, Natural Resources Management, People's Science Institute (PSI)

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5:00 PM – 6:00 PM      Tea break

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6:00 PM – 7:00 PM      **Musical evening:** An evening of Jagar and Garhwali folk music  
Artists: Devilal, Manisha

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## June 3, 2026

**The future of jobs: What are the challenges and solutions for creating a green workforce for the future?**  
Kamya Kalra - Policy associate, GH2 India  
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM      Sivasankari T.P - Founder and managing director, AR4 Tech Private Limited  
Lav Bhardwaj - Domain Lead, Economy & Employment, SETU Aayog, Uttarakhand  
Akhila R. Nair, Senior Analyst, National Skills Development Corporation  
Moderator - Anuradha Nagaraj, Co-founder, The Migration Story

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10:30 AM – 11:00 AM      Tea break

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**Shifting narratives: How can storytelling build a more nuanced narrative on migration?**  
Anuja - Independent journalist  
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM      Manvendra Negi - Radio station head, Mandakini ki Awaz  
Namrata Joshi - Film programmer and critic  
Lokesh Ohri - Anthropologist, Founder of Been There Doon That  
Nihal Ranjit – Senior associate, Indian Institute of Human Settlements (IIHS)  
Moderator - Deekshith Pai, Video journalist, The Migration Story

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12:30 PM – 1:30 PM      Lunch

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**The invisible workforce: Is collectivising the way forward for women informal workers?**

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Rinku - Domestic worker and community volunteer, Delhi  
Samiksha Jha - Associate director, Martha Farrell Foundation  
M. Josephine Amala Valarmathi - Tamil Nadu State Coordinator, National Domestic Workers Movement  
Jaculine Anthuvan - Community organiser, Tamil Nadu Domestic Workers Welfare Trust  
Sangeeta Bhattacharya - Co-lead, Rebuild India Fund, Dasra  
Moderator - Aishwarya Mohanty, Special correspondent, The Migration Story

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3:00 PM

Concluding remarks - Roli Srivastava, Founder, The Migration Story

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3:15 PM onwards

Tea

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