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Climate Change is one of the most formidable threats mankind is facing. In order to achieve the goal of sustainable development while simultaneously addressing the issues of Climate Change, Government of India (GOI) launched its National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) in 2008 which was unveiled by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. It operates through its eight National Missions of which National Mission on Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE) is the only area-specific mission.

The NMSHE is dedicated to understand and analyse the threats being faced to the young and most vulnerable mountain system due to climate change. It is a subject of great concern as the Himalayas not only provide us spectacular landscapes but are also a major source of natural resources which need to be understood for judicious use and conservation.

The NMSHE is being coordinated by Climate Change Programme (CCP) of Department of Science and Technology (DST). This knowledge portal is a step towards consolidating the knowledge on Himalayas and making the knowledge available for the users and community. I hope that it will serve its purpose very effectively.