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## **UNT to hold two-day workshop to discuss strategies for sustainability of rural villages**

**What:** The Rural Sustainability Workshop — A two-day event at the University of North Texas that will bring representatives from non-governmental organizations together to discuss strategies for enabling residents of villages in developing nations to earn income from rural ecosystems

**When:** June 10-11 (Friday-Saturday)

**Where:** Environmental Education, Science and  
Technology Building at UNT, **ROOM 125**  
1704 W. Mulberry St.  
Denton, TX 76201

**Website:** <http://cas.unt.edu/ruralsustainability>

**Registration:** [Eventbrite](#)

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DENTON (UNT), Texas — Leaders of non-governmental organizations in nine nations will gather at the University of North Texas June 10-11 (Friday-Saturday) to share strategies that allow residents of rural villages in developing nations to gain sustainable incomes from nearby ecosystems and become more self-reliant.

The first Rural Sustainability Workshop will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 10 (Friday) and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 11 (Saturday) at UNT's Environmental Education, Science and Technology Building, which is located at 1704 W. Mulberry St.

The workshop will feature Anil Prakash Joshi, founder of the Himalayan Environmental Studies and Conservation Organization, as keynote speaker at 1 p.m. June 10 (Friday).

The purpose of HESCO, a non-governmental organization based in Dehradun, India, is developing environmentally sustainable technologies for the agricultural industry. Joshi and his 30 staff members have provided villages with water mills, composting pits, plant-based medication, herbal pesticides and rainwater harvesting techniques, and used kurri, a shrub that had been considered a weed, in the manufacture of furniture and incense sticks. HESCO staff members have helped more than 10,000 villages develop beekeeping, fruit processing and grain processing as local enterprises and delivered training in post-harvesting technologies to help villagers maximize the use of their ecosystem resources, including local fruits, aromatic plants and botanical fibers.

Joshi received the Padma Shri, one of the highest honors given to civilians by the Government of India. He is also a recipient of the Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation Award, given in memory of Mahatma Gandhi and presented by the Indian president, vice president or prime minister, and is a fellow with Ashoka, a worldwide network of social entrepreneurs from 70 nations.

The conference will feature panels on natural resources, eco-entrepreneurship, education and preservation and community engagement, with speakers from Columbia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mexico, Nigeria and Tunisia, among other nations. A schedule is available at this [website](#).