

Water Journalists Roundtable Program (7-9 Nov'24), IISER Pune

Day 1: 7 Nov 2024 - Inaugural Session (PMHL, Guesthouse & Convention Centre)	
6:00-6:15pm	<p>Opening Remarks: Shalini Sharma (Associate Prof & Head -Science Media Centre, IISER Pune)</p> <p>Invocation to Ganga: Sukrit Sen (Researcher and artist, Aquamuse)</p> <p>About 'AQUAMUSE': Sara Ahmed (Founder-Living Waters Museum)</p>
6:15-7:15pm	<p>Keynote Lecture: P. Sainath (founder of PARI) "India's water crisis: The outcome of six transfers of water within and outside society!"</p>
Day 2: 8 Nov 2024	
Session 1	Mapping Issues and Strategies in Water Journalism
9-9:30 am	<p>Plenary: Bahar Dutt, Jaideep Hardikar and Mayank Aggarwal Reporting Water Crisis: Challenges in reporting on interlinkages between climate change and water in multispecies landscapes</p>
10:00-1:00 <i>Tea: 11:30 am.</i>	<p>Listening circle: Journalists sharing their work, issues & challenges in water journalism across different region</p>
1-2 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
Session 2:	Storytelling issues and strategies for impactful water stories
2:30-3:00 pm	<p>Plenary I: Print/Broadcasting Media Hridayesh Joshi (Independent; Newslaundry/ex-NDTV) with Suhas Sardeshmukh (Loksatta), Pushya Mitra (India Today), Manish Mishra (Amar Ujala), Subagunam Kanan (BBC), and Shailesh Malode (AIR)</p>
3:00-3:30 pm <i>Tea: 3:30 pm.</i>	<p>Plenary II- Digital/Multimedia Binaifer Bharucha (PARI) with KA Shaji (Independent; journalist-writer-filmmaker), Jeff Joseph (Independent; multimedia), Arvind Shukla (NewsPotli)</p>
4:00-7:00 pm	<p>Group work: Need-gap mapping (only for journalists)</p>
7:00-7:40pm	<p>Water Science- Current Research & Unreported areas Glaciers in India – Dr Argha Banerjee Upper Bhima Basin & Cauvery Basin – Dr Bejoy Thomas Water Contamination & remediation – Prof Sujit Ghosh (TBC)</p>
8pm	<i>Dinner</i>
Day 3: 9 Nov 2024	
Session 3	Water Journalism beyond the mainstream media
9:00-10:00 am	<p>Session 3: Plenary – Journalist Collectives/Startups, Scope and Challenges Sejal Mehta (Independent) with Nitin Sethi (Reporters Collective), Priti David (PARI), Nidhi Jamwal (Independent; ex-editor Gaon Connection), Jyotinarayan Lahiri (Founder, Sudhu Sundarban Charcha magazine).</p>
10-1 pm &	<p>Group work: Need-gap mapping (only for journalists)</p>
Session 4	Way forward (actionable strategies -- only for journalists)
2:30-4 pm	<p>Experiential Visits to Labs/Centres at IISER Pune for Journalists <i>Chemical Weathering in Himalayan River Basins - Dr Gyana Ranjan Tripathi</i> <i>Fossils & marine ecology- Dr Devapriya Chattopadhyay</i> <i>Play based science education at Science Activity Centre</i></p>
8pm	<i>Dinner</i>
8pm: 5:45 am	<p>Pārijāt- the Overnight Concert organised by SPICMACAY IISER Pune Facilitator- Dr Nagaraj Balasubramanian</p>

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