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BACKGROUND

Environmental Journalists are expected to inform people about the state of the environment and wildlife. By using the power of the news media, they highlight issues of conservation and environmental concerns.

However, competing priorities of media and journalists today have left very little space for environmental and wildlife issues. Also, the science and complexity of current environment challenges are often quite difficult to comprehend and relate to. The COVID 19 pandemic is a classic example of a complex environmental concern that is now not just a health issue but also an economic and political concern.

This webinar is an effort to orient journalists and bring them closer to scientist and experts working on environmental issues, specially in the Indian Himalaya Region. It will also engage media professionals on the relevant science, research and policy issues for better understanding of the fragile Himalayan eco-system, trigger interest in Climate Change, Desertification and Disasters, and other environmental problems that beset the ecologically fragile Himalayas, their impacts on sustainability, livelihood issues and adaptation stories among journalists, editors and media houses in the region and thereby increase awareness among the masses.

This webinar is an effort by SECURE Himalaya project and CMS VATAVARAN, in their efforts to conserve and protect the Himalayan ecosystems. The Government of India and UNDP are implementing "SECURE Himalayas", to ensure conservation of locally and globally significant biodiversity, land and forest resources in the high Himalayan ecosystem, while enhancing the lives and livelihoods of local communities. CMS VATAVARAN is a well-known film festival and forum, known to use creative initiatives to engage wide stakeholders on contemporary environment and wildlife issues (www.cmsvatavaran.org).

This webinar is part of a series to involve and orient local and interested regional media professionals. This webinar will focus on local issues and concerns of Sikkim.

OBJECTIVE

The webinar objective is to engage and orient media professionals on local environmental concerns, with the purpose of improving the quality and quantity of reportage on conservation issues in the IHR region.

FORMAT OF THE WORKSHOP

It will be an intensive online workshop of three hours (10 am to 01 pm) each day, for two days. The workshop will be with invited participants only and will be for limited numbers so that there is opportunity to interact and for discussions.

Agenda (Day 1)

First day will focus on three lectures by eminent experts covering major aspects of Environment and Wildlife issues in Sikkim.

10:00 – 1010 hrs	Welcome Remarks & Setting the Context Dr P N Vasanti, (DG, CMS, New Delhi)
10:10 – 10:30 hrs	Participant Introductions
10:30 – 11:30 hrs	Panel Discussion Topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The SECURE Himalaya Project: An Introductory Presentation, Mr Rajarshi Chakraborty, State Project Officer, SECURE Himalaya SikkimThe Unique Biodiversity of Sikkim and its Threats, Ms. Paridhi Jain, Project Associate (Conservation) SECURE Himalaya -Sikkim Session moderate by Dr P N Vasanti (DG, CMS, New Delhi)
11:30 – 12:00 hrs	Lecture Topic: Wildlife Management in Sikkim. Speaker: Dr. D. Manjunatha, IFS Conservator of Forest (Working Plan) Forest Environment & Wildlife Management Dept. Government of Sikkim.
12:00 – 12:10 hrs	Q&A
12:10 – 12:40 hrs	Lecture Topic: Challenges and Local Impacts of Climate Change on Mountain Ecosystems and Livelihoods. Speaker: Ms Sarika Pradhan, Project Director cum Additional Secretary, MGNREGA/ RMDD at Govt. of Sikkim
12:40 – 12:50 hrs	Q & A
12:50 – 13:00 hrs	Open discussion with Facilitator on story ideas based on the three lectures and an assignment to be submitted by e-mail.

Agenda (Day 2)

Second day will focus on a panel discussion by eminent Scientists and Journalists/Editors who will cover the local issues and also on role of environmental journalists.

10:00 – 10:15 hrs	Recap and feedback on submitted assignment with Facilitator
10:15 – 10:30 hrs	Talk: Salient features of Indian Wildlife laws Speaker: Ms. Sonam Norden, DFO, Khangchendzonga National Park
10:30 – 11:30 hrs	Panel Discussion Topic: Environmental Journalism and its challenges in the IHR with special focus on Sikkim. This discussion we will also talk about the lack of environmental and scientific training in the journalist. Problem of limited access to governmental data on environmental conservation will be also discussed. Session moderate by Dr P N Vasanti (DG, CMS, New Delhi) Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Joseph Lepcha, Sr. Correspondent, Dainik JagranDr. Ghanshyam Sharma, Program Manager, The Mountain Institute of IndiaMr. Pankaj Dhungel, Sr. Correspondent, Sikkim Express & East MojoDr. Jasmine Yimchunger, Assistant Professor, Sikkim University
11:30 – 12:15 hrs	Lecture Topic: General Principles of Environmental Reporting; which means the significance, reliability, clarity, comparability, and verifiability the report. It will also look in to the importance of environmental communication and social accountability and will elaborate how Environmental Journalism is apart from other forms of Journalism. Speaker: Mr. Dinesh C Sharma, Senior Science Journalist
12:15 – 12:30 hrs	Q&A
12:30 – 13.00 hrs	Discussions & Feedback by Participants, along with Concluding remarks by Dr P N Vasanti , Director General, CMS, New Delhi and Mr Parth Joshi , National Livelihoods Specialist (SECURE Himalaya), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

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PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS:

- ▲ Journalists from Sikkim (Print, Electronic and New Media)
- ▲ Faculties & students of Journalism & Mass Communication Studies

SPEAKERS



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