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CSE's Regional Media Briefing Workshop
In association with the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

Reporting on the Himalayan ecosystem: Challenges and opportunities

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Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

A G E N D A

Registration: 9.45 AM

Inaugural: 10.00-10.45 AM

- Welcome address: **Dr Savita**, director, FRI, Dehradun
- Foreword: **Souparno Banerjee**, programme director, Media Resource Centre, CSE, New Delhi (*in this, the speaker will devote a few minutes to introduce the participants, CSE and the notion behind these workshops*)

Session 1: 10.45-11.30 AM

A Himalayan challenge: Reporting on the mountain ecosystem – a down to earth experience

- **Richard Mahapatra**, managing editor, *Down To Earth* magazine, New Delhi

Question Hour

TEA BREAK: 11.30-11.45 AM

Session 2: 11.45 AM-1.00 PM

Anatomy of chaos — urbanisation in a fragile ecosystem

- **Anumita Roychowdhury**, executive director-research and advocacy, CSE, New Delhi (*a presentation on air pollution, mobility and sustainable cities – with specific reference to urban centres in the hills*)
- **Swapn K Singh**, deputy superintendent of police, Uttarakhand Police, Dehradun (*a case study of the Paltan Bazar pedestrian experiment*)

Question Hour

LUNCH BREAK: 1.00 PM-1.45 PM

Session 3: 1.45 PM-2.30 PM

The forest in the Himalayas

- **Ruchi Badola**, head, department of eco-development planning and participatory management, Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun (*on the key issues of forests and their management in the Himalayan states*)

Question Hour



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Session 4: 2.30 PM-3.45 PM

Havoc — extreme weather events and climate change in the Himalayas

- **Richard Mahapatra** (*setting the stage – an overview*)
- **D P Dobhal**, senior scientist, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun (*glaciers and the impact of climate change on them*)
- **R K Mukerji**, Technology, Advocacy and Research Network, Dehradun (*collective learnings from natural disasters in the Himalayas*)

Question Hour

TEA BREAK: 3.45-4.00 PM

Session 5: 4.00-5.00 PM

Panel discussion: Reporting on the Himalayan ecosystem – challenges every reporter faces

- **Arun Joshi**, resident editor, *The Tribune*, Jammu & Kashmir
- **Richard Mahapatra**, managing editor, *Down To Earth*
- **Jay Singh Rawat**, senior journalist, Dehradun
- **Dakter Esse**, editor, *The Dawn-Lit Post*, Itanagar
- ... and all the participants