

UNDERSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES FOR BETTER REPORTAGE A MEDIA BRIEFING FOR LOCAL JOURNALISTS

July 18-19, 2013

Sangamam Hall, PSG College of Arts and Science
Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

July 17, 2013

(This day's sessions are open only for shortlisted PSG College students)

Reporting at the time of globalisation

Session 1: 11.00 AM-12.00 PM

Environmental reporting and liberalization – looking back on the last 20 years

Souparno Banerjee, programme director-media, CSE

Session 2: 12.00 -1.00 PM

Local is global is local; reporting global stories from local datelines

Richard Mahapatra, senior editor, Down to Earth

1.00-2.00 PM: Lunch

Session 3: 2.00-3.00 PM

How to research, re-search and put together a story

Souparno Banerjee and Papia Samajdar, programme officer-media, CSE

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Registration: 10.00 AM

Introduction/welcome: 10.15 AM

C R Jayaprakash, assistant professor, communications, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore

Keynote address: 10.25 AM-10.40 AM

K Rajendran, principal, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore

CSE – over 20 years of researching and reporting on environment: 10.40-11.00 AM

Souparno Banerjee, CSE

11.00-11.15 AM: Tea

Local is global is local; reporting global stories from local datelines: 11.15 AM-12.15 PM

Richard Mahapatra

Forests and conflict: 12.15-1.15 PM

- Legal implications – *C R Bijoy, forests and wildlife activist*
- Forests and wildlife – *C R Jayaprakash*
- How to report on forests and conflict – a panel discussion

1.15-2.15 PM: Lunch

Ecological zones, the crisis in Uttarakhand and its implications for rest of India: 2.15-3.30 PM

- What happened in Uttarakhand – *Richard Mahapatra*
- The Western Ghats – *Souparno Banerjee*
- Climate change and its impact on eco-sensitive spots – *Papia Samajdar*

3.30-4.00 PM: Tea

Water: Managing a crisis: 4.00-6.00 PM

- An overview: *Richard Mahapatra*
- Emerging perspectives in water conflicts in Peninsular India – *Richard Mahapatra/Souparno Banerjee*
- Harvesting water – the traditional systems: *A Gurunathan, Dhan Foundation, Chennai*
- Community initiatives in water: *Vanita Mohan, vice president, Residents Awareness Association of Coimbatore (RAAC)*

July 19, 2013

Field trip: Forests, conflict and water – 7.00 AM-3.00 PM

Session 4: 4.00-5.30 PM

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Assignments and discussions

1. Assignment: Report on a few ideas discussed over the course of the workshop.
2. Assignment: Do stories based on the field trip.
3. Assignment: Do an e-book/magazine, taking ideas and stories from the workshop and its content.