

# PROGRAM DETAILS

Day 1 | 20th July 2022

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

LUNCH

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

WELCOME ADDRESS

**Professor J. N. Moorthy**

Director, IISER Thiruvananthapuram

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Research possibilities and needs in the context of climate change, pandemics and wars (virtual)**

**Professor K. VijayRaghavan**

Professor, National Center for Biological Sciences

Former Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

**Communicating Science: From Bench to Masses**

**Dr. Poonam Thakur** (Assistant Professor, IISER Thiruvananthapuram)

**Dr. Sandhya Sekar** (Program Manager, Mongabay India)

**Dr. Cheryl Travasso** (Health & Science Communications Professional and Author)

**Prasenjeet Yadav** (Natural History & Science Photographer, Contributing photographer - NatGeo Magazine)

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

TEA BREAK

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

TALK

**Science storytelling with photography**

**Prasenjeet Yadav**

Natural History & Science Photographer, Contributing photographer - NatGeo Magazine

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

TALK

**The HeArt of Science Communication**

**Dr. Cheryl Travasso**

Health & Science Communications Professional and Author

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

TALK

**Empowering Researchers: The CACTUS way**

**Dina Mukherjee**

Director Marketing, Cactus Communications

7:00 PM - 7:45 PM

INTERACTIVE SESSION

**Making science work for India**

**Dr. Swami Subramaniam**

CEO, Ignite Life Science Foundation

8:00 PM onwards

DINNER AND ORGANIZED NETWORKING

Post dinner (9 PM onwards)

ICE BREAKER: Celebration of Errors

# PROGRAM DETAILS

Day 2 | 21st July 2022

Morning session

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

**BREAKFAST**

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Enroute Academia: Challenges and Opportunities**

**Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana** (Director, Rajiv Gandhi Center for Biotechnology)

**Dr. Sandhya Ganesan** (Assistant Professor, IISER Thiruvananthapuram)

**Dr. Nishad Matange** (Assistant Professor, IISER Pune)

**Dr. Aditya Parekh** (Assistant Professor, Anant University)

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

**TALK**

**A non-traditional challenging career track: Essential for the science and research excellence of the country**

**Dr. Santosh Podder**

Senior Technical Officer, IISER Pune

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

**TALK**

**From bench to desk: Embarking on a 'research management' journey**

**Dr. Madhankumar Anandhakrishnan**

Grants Manager, Centre for Brain Research, Indian Institute of Science

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**TEA BREAK**

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

**The Art of Mentorship**

**Dr. Smita Jain** (Associate Director, Cactus Communications)

**Prof. Hema Somanathan** (Professor, IISER Thiruvananthapuram)

**Prof. S.C. Lakhotia** (Distinguished Professor, Banaras Hindu University)

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

**TALK**

**Science culture in society: Taking theory to practice and practice to theory**

**Dr. H.S. Sudhira**

Director, Gubbi Labs

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

**LUNCH AND ORGANIZED NETWORKING**

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Day 2 | 21st July 2022

Afternoon session

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

TALK

**Exploring international opportunities for mobility and career advancement as a postdoctoral fellow in India**

**Dr. Shantala Hari Dass**

Executive Director, IndiaBioscience

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

TALK

**Dr. Samrat S. Kumar**

Country Coordinator, EURAXESS India (15 mins)

**Dr. Gerlind Wallon**

Deputy Director, EMBO (15 mins) (virtual)

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

TALK

**Science, Creativity and IPR**

**Dr. Lipika Sahoo**

Founder & CEO, Lifeintellect Consultancy Pvt Ltd

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

PARTICIPANT PRESENTATIONS

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

TEA BREAK

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

WORKSHOP

**Pipetting is not your only skill- Identifying your unique niche**

**Dr. Shantala Hari Dass** (Executive Director, IndiaBioscience)

**Dr. Suchibrata Borah** (Program Manager, IndiaBioscience)

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

**WORKSHOP 1: Simplifying Grant Writing - Back to the Basics, Down to the Details**

**Dr. Divya Singh**

Grants Adviser, India Alliance

**WORKSHOP 2: Getting Yourself Noticed**

**Dr. Shivaneesh Shah**

Head of Content, Impact Science, Cactus Communications

8:00 PM onwards

DINNER AND ORGANIZED NETWORKING

Post dinner (9 PM onwards)

Informal networking session

# PROGRAM DETAILS

Day 3 | 22nd July 2022

Morning session

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	<b>TALK</b>
	<b>How to shape policy with your science?</b> <b>Dr. B. Chagun Basha</b> Senior Tech. Specialist, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>
	<b>Transition to Industry and Entrepreneurship</b> <b>Dr. Rajarshi Pal</b> (Co-founder and Chief Scientist, Eystem Research) <b>Dr. Bindu Nishal</b> (Vice President, Agri-Innovation, Sustainability Innovation Centre, IKP Knowledge Park) <b>Dr. Sriram Parameswaran</b> (Senior Manager, Thermo Fisher Scientific) <b>Dr. Neelanjana Janardan</b> (Program Lead - Funding and Early stage entrepreneurship (C-CAMP)) <b>Dr. Prajwal Bhat</b> (Programme Manager, Entrepreneur First)
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>TALK</b>
	<b>Taking science from lab to market - Entrepreneurship opportunities at C-CAMP</b> <b>Dr. Neelanjana Janardan</b> Program Lead - Funding and Early stage entrepreneurship (C-CAMP)
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
11:15 AM - 11:45 AM	<b>TALK</b>
	<b>From impact factor to making an impact</b> <b>Dr. Rajarshi Pal</b> Co-Founder and Chief Scientist, Eystem Research
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM	<b>TALK</b>
	<b>Experience and learnings from Academia, Industry to an Innovation Ecosystem</b> <b>Dr. Bindu Nishal</b> Vice President, Agri-Innovation, Sustainability Innovation Centre, IKP Knowledge Park
12:15 PM - 12:45 PM	<b>TALK</b>
	<b>Dr. Sriram Parameswaran</b> Senior Manager, Thermo Fisher Scientific
12:45 PM - 2:30 PM	<b>LUNCH AND ORGANIZED NETWORKING</b>

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Day 3 | 22nd July 2022

Afternoon session

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	TALK
	<b>Dr. Prajwal Bhat</b> Programme Manager, Entrepreneur First
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	TALK
	<b>Good ethical practices in research &amp; publications and the pleasure of research</b> <b>Professor S. C. Lakhotia</b> Distinguished Professor, Banaras Hindu University
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION
	<b>Importance of Mental Well-being</b> <b>Dr. Karishma Kaushik</b> (Assistant Professor, Savitribhai Phule Pune University) <b>Dr. Nishad Matange</b> (Assistant Professor, IISER Pune) <b>Dr. Arathy K. Nair</b> (Senior Consultant Psychologist, Life Guide, Suvarna Aesthetic Plastic Surgery Centre)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	PARTICIPANT PRESENTATIONS
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	TEA BREAK
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	PARALLEL WORKSHOPS
	<b>WORKSHOP 3: Weaving your Science into a story: Crafting a compelling research talk</b> <b>Dr. Karishma Kaushik</b> Assistant Professor, Savitribhai Phule Pune University  <b>WORKSHOP 4: Introduction to Scientific Illustration (Tools, Practices and Career Possibilities)</b> <b>Rafeeqe Mavoor</b> Motion Graphic Designer, JoVE & Founder, Scidart Academy
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	CONCLUDING REMARKS
8:00 PM onwards	GALA DINNER