

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

# INDIA RIVERS WEEK 2022

**RIVERS AS WATERWAYS IN INDIA: BANE OR BOON?**

26th - 27th November 2022

2 days, 5 online sessions, 25+ speakers

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*Traditional river transport carrying people and cattle, Kosi River. Photo: Shripad Dharmadhikary, Manthan Adhyayan Kendra*

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*Final version of schedule, published on 25th November 2022*

**SESSION 1: OVERVIEW OF INDIAN INLAND WATERWAYS****9:30AM - 11:30AM, 26TH NOVEMBER 2022**

<b>9:30 - 9:40</b>	Welcome & Introduction to India Rivers Forum & India Rivers Week	Manoj Misra (India Rivers Forum)
<b>9:40 - 9:45</b>	Introduction to theme / topic by moderator	Parineeta Dandekar (SANDRP)
<b>9:45 - 10:05</b>	Lead presentation: National and state Inland Waterways in India: An Overview (Including South Asian Transboundary Waterways)	Avli Verma (Manthan Adhyayan Kendra)
<b>10:05-10:45</b>	Panel: Traditional use of rivers for navigation and their status today	PP John (Swatantra Matsya Thozhilali Federation (inland), Kerala)
		Swarup Bhattacharyya (Researcher on boats)
		Prithvi Nath Sahni (Maa Ganga Nishad Raj Seva Trust)
		Yogesh Upadhyay (Researcher)
<b>10:45-11:10</b>	Q&A	
<b>11:10-11:15</b>	Moderator's closing remarks	

**SESSION 2: VIABILITY OF INDIAN INLAND WATERWAYS****1PM - 3PM, 26TH NOVEMBER 2022**

<b>13:00-13:05</b>	Introduction to theme / topic by moderator	Nidhi Jamwal (Gaon Connection)
<b>13:05-13:20</b>	Lead Presentation 1: Viability of Inland Waterways as a commercial enterprise	Shripad Dharmadhikary (Manthan Adhyayan Kendra)
<b>13:20-13:35</b>	Lead Presentation 2: Experiences from Europe	Georg Rast
<b>13:35-14:25</b>	Panel: Dimensions of viability of Inland Waterways in India	Prof. Rajiv Sinha (IIT Kanpur)
		Prof. A.K. Gosain (IIT Delhi)
		Gaurav Dwivedi (CFA)
		Capt. Subhedar (Independent Consultant)
		Vallabhacharya Pandey (Sanjha Sanskriti Manch, Varanasi)
<b>14:25-14:50</b>	Q&A	
<b>14:50-15:00</b>	Moderator's closing remarks	

### SESSION 3: IMPACTS OF INDIAN WATERWAYS

4PM - 6PM, 26TH NOVEMBER 2022

16:00-16:05	Introduction to theme / topic by moderator	Shrishtee Bajpai (Kalpavriksh)
16:05-16:25	Lead Presentation: Impacts of Inland Waterways in the Ganga Basin	Dr. Nachiket Kelkar (Wildlife Conservation Trust)
16:25-17:25	Panel: Social, Environmental and Livelihoods impacts of Inland Waterways	Erik Mosselman (Deltares)
		Milan Das (Dakshinbanga Matsyajibi Forum)
		Zeenat Mujhee (PAF, Canoli Canal, Kerala)
		Divakar Yadav (PAF, Sahibganj, Jharkhand)
		Bhairaam Sahni (PAF, Varanasi, U.P)
17:25-17:50	Q&A	Arun Shivkar (Sakav Pen Prakalp, Raigad)
17:50-18:00	Moderator's closing remarks	

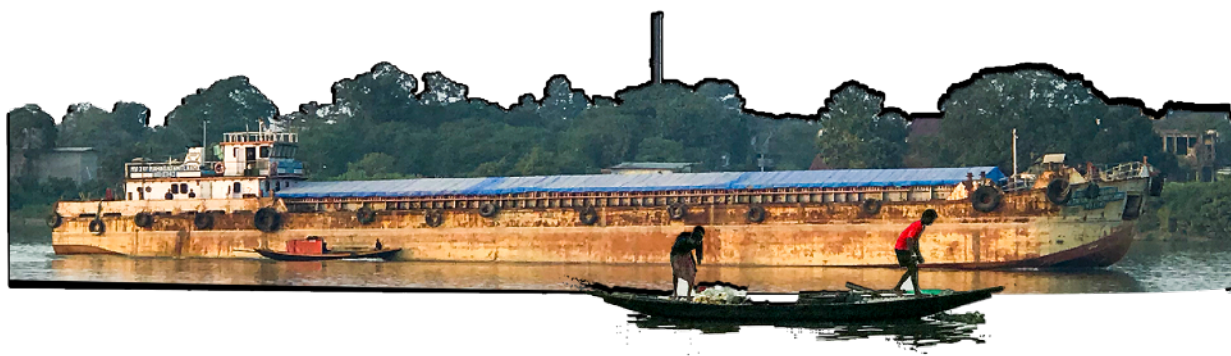


*Fly ash barge in Namkhana, Sundarban. Photo: Avli Verma, Manthan Adhyayan Kendra*

## SESSION 4: GOVERNANCE OF INDIAN WATERWAYS

10AM - 12PM, 27TH NOVEMBER 2022

10:00-10:05	Introduction to theme / topic by moderator	Shibani Ghosh (CPR)
10:05-10:25	Lead Presentation: Governance of Indian Waterways	Avli Verma (Manthan Adhyayan Kendra)
10:25-11:05	Panel: Legal, regulatory and governance issues in Inland Waterways	Bharat Jhunjhunwala (former Prof, IIM Bengaluru)
		Ramanand Wangkheirakpam (Indigenous Perspectives)
		Abhijit Prabhudesai (Rainbow Warriors)
		Prof. Sunil Choudhary (former Prof, TMB Univ, Bhagalpur)
		Tripurari Sharan (former Chief Sec., Govt. of Bihar)
11:05-11:30	Q&A	
11:30-11:35	Moderator's closing remarks	



*The contrasts and contradictions of big and small. Photos: Siddharth Agarwal, Veditum India Foundation & India Rivers Forum*

**FINAL SESSION: AWARD CEREMONY &  
DISCUSSION - RIVERS AS WATERWAYS IN INDIA: BANE OR BOON?  
2PM - 5PM, 27TH NOVEMBER 2022**

<b>14:00-14:05</b>	Introduction to theme / topic by moderator	Prof. Amita Baviskar (Ashoka University)
<b>14:05-14:40</b>	Award Ceremony: Bhagirath Prayaas Samman Anupam Mishra Memorial Medal	Siddharth Agarwal (Veditum India Foundation & India Rivers Forum)
<b>14:40-15:00</b>	Lead presentation: Inland Waterways in India - an alternative vision	Shripad Dharmadhikary (Manthan Adhyayan Kendra)
<b>15:00-15:20</b>	Chief Guest - Keynote Lecture	Justice Madan Lokur (former judge, Supreme Court of India)
<b>15:20-16:10</b>	Panel Rivers as Waterways in India: Bane or Boon?	D P Mathuria (NMCG)
		Ritwick Dutta (LIFE)
		Veena Vidyadharan (CUTS International)
		Nuzhat Nueary (Oxfam Bangladesh)
		Prof. Manoj Jha (Prof. Delhi University & Rajya Sabha MP)
<b>16:10-16:40</b>	Q&A	
<b>16:40-16:50</b>	Moderator's closing remarks	
<b>16:50-17:00</b>	Vote of Thanks	

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