

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

Register here: indiariversforum.org/IRW2022



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

*Confirmations for a few additional speakers is awaited. This document may be updated at a later date.
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SESSION 1: OVERVIEW OF INDIAN INLAND WATERWAYS

9:30AM - 11:30AM, 26TH NOVEMBER 2022

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| 9:30 - 9:40 | Welcome & Introduction to India Rivers Forum & India Rivers Week | Manoj Misra |
| 9:40 - 9:45 | Introduction to theme / topic by moderator | Parineeta Dandekar |
| 9:45 - 10:05 | Lead presentation: National and state Inland Waterways in India: An Overview (Including South Asian Transboundary Waterways) | Avli Verma |
| 10:05-10:45 | Panel: Traditional use of rivers for navigation and their status today | PP John |
| | | Swarup Bhattacharya |
| | | Prithvi Nath Sahni |
| | | Yogesh Upadhyay |
| 10:45-11:10 | Q&A | |
| 11:10-11:15 | Moderator's closing remarks | |

SESSION 2: VIABILITY OF INDIAN INLAND WATERWAYS

1PM - 3PM, 26TH NOVEMBER 2022

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| 13:00-13:05 | Introduction to theme / topic by moderator | Nidhi Jamwal |
| 13:05-13:20 | Lead Presentation 1: Viability of Inland Waterways as a commercial enterprise | Shripad Dharmadhikary |
| 13:20-14:10 | Panel: Dimensions of viability of Inland Waterways in India | Prof. Rajiv Sinha |
| | | Prof. A.K. Gosain |
| | | Gaurav Dwivedi |
| | | Capt. Subhedar |
| | | Vallabhacharya |
| 14:10-14:35 | Q&A | |
| 14:35-14:40 | Moderator's closing remarks | |

SESSION 3: IMPACTS OF INDIAN WATERWAYS

4PM - 6PM, 26TH NOVEMBER 2022

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| 16:00-16:05 | Introduction to theme / topic by moderator | Shrishtee Bajpai |
| 16:05-16:25 | Lead Presentation: Impacts of Inland Waterways in the Ganga Basin | Dr. Nachiket Kelkar |
| 16:25-17:25 | Panel: Social, Environmental and Livelihoods impacts of Inland Waterways | Erik Mosselman |
| | | Pradeep Chatterjee |
| | | Zeenat Mujhee |
| | | Divakar Yadav |
| | | Bhairaam Sahni |
| | Arun Shivkar | |
| 17:25-17:50 | Q&A | |
| 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

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| 10:00-10:05 | Introduction to theme / topic by moderator | Shibani Ghosh |
| 10:05-10:25 | Lead Presentation: Governance of Indian Waterways | Avli Verma |
| 10:25-11:05 | Panel: Legal, regulatory and governance issues in Inland Waterways | Bharat Jhunjhunwala |
| | | Ramanand |
| | | Abhijit Prabhudesai |
| | | Prof. Sunil Choudhary |
| 11:05-11:30 | Q&A | |
| 11:30-11:35 | Moderator's closing remarks | |

FINAL SESSION: AWARD CEREMONY & DISCUSSION - RIVERS AS WATERWAYS IN INDIA: BANE OR BOON?

2PM - 5PM, 27TH NOVEMBER 2022

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| 14:00-14:05 | Introduction to theme / topic by moderator | Prof. Amita Baviskar |
| 14:05-14:40 | Award Ceremony: Bhagirath Prayaas Samman Anupam Mishra Memorial Medal | Siddharth Agarwal |
| | Lead presentation: Inland Waterways in India - an alternative vision | Shripad Dharmadhikary |
| 15:00-15:20 | Chief Guest - Keynote Lecture | Justice Madan Lokur |
| 15:20-16:20 | Panel Rivers as Waterways in India: Bane or Boon? | TV Rajan |
| | | D P Mathuria |
| | | Ritwick Dutta |
| | | Veena Vidyadharan |
| | | Nuzhat Nueary |
| | | Manoj Jha |
| 16:20-16:45 | Q&A | |
| 16:45-16:50 | Moderator's closing remarks | |
| 16:50-17:00 | Vote of Thanks | |