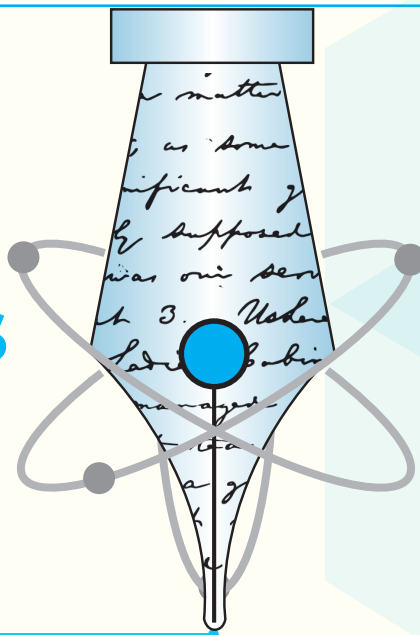


# 200 Years of Science Journalism in India



# 18<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Communication Congress (ISCC-2018)

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## Concept

The beginnings of science journalism in India can be traced back to the monthly publication *Digdarshan*, which started from West Bengal in 1818. It was being published in Hindi, Bengali and English Languages. The magazine carried science articles and was circulated to various School Book Societies as it carried educational and scientific material for the benefit of students and teachers. Text books & study materials were generally not available during those days.

Today, 200 years later, efforts in the field of science journalism in India have given birth to several science magazines, dedicated columns in newspapers, websites catering to science news and content, including presence of science content in electronic media and social media as well.

However, challenges still remain in promoting efforts to take the fruits of science to the masses. On the occasion of the 200 years of science journalism in India, the aim of the 18<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Communication Congress is to engage in narratives to deliberate on the status, challenges, and efforts in the field of science journalism.

Over the years, science journalism has played an increasingly important role in reaching the scientific work being done among the four walls of the scientific laboratories to the masses. The efforts of science journalists, science writers, science editors and science communicators are aimed at not only empowering the masses with information they can use to improve their standard of living, but also striving to bring about a connect between the scientific community and the masses, in turn also demystifying the complexities of science.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Communication Congress will discuss and deliberate on issues and concerns revolving around the field of science journalism and the challenges that need to be overcome.

## Sub-Themes

- Science Journalism in Pre-independence era
- Science Journalism in Post-independence era
- Communicating Science in Regional Languages
- Science Journalism: Writing for General Public
- Current Scenario/Recent developments in Science Journalism in India
- Citizen Science Journalism
- Science Journalism and the Society
- Theory and practices for effective Science Communication
- Innovations in Science Communication

## ISCC Format

The scientific sessions will have presentations on research papers, review papers, survey analyses, case studies, posters, and invited talks. Deliberations will be in English and Hindi. The prescribed time for paper presentation will be around 10 minutes (8 minutes for presentation + 2 minutes for discussion). PowerPoint presentation facility will be available.

## Who can Participate

Researchers and practitioners of science communication, i.e. scientists, technologists, academicians, writers, journalists, editors, scholars and faculty members, public relations and information officers of

scientific organizations, representatives of media, science activists from NGOs, and senior government officials/public representatives, policymakers, and decision-makers can participate.

### Special Feature

A display of science communication products, software materials.

### Abstract/ Paper/ Poster

Submission of Abstract (500 Words)	: 14 December 2018
Intimation of Acceptance of Abstract	: 15 December 2018
Submission of Full Paper/Poster/Presentation	: 18 December 2018

### Registration

There is no registration fee.

**On the spot registrations are also allowed subject to availability of space and quality of presentation.**

### Travel/ Accommodation

It is advisable to make your travel and hotel arrangement from your institution as per your entitlement. However, in some special cases, the travel expenses for authors of accepted papers except students could be reimbursed up to III AC Class train fare, while student participants/other registered participants can be reimbursed II Sleeper Class train fare subject to prior confirmation by organizers. Guest house accommodation may be available for participants.

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