



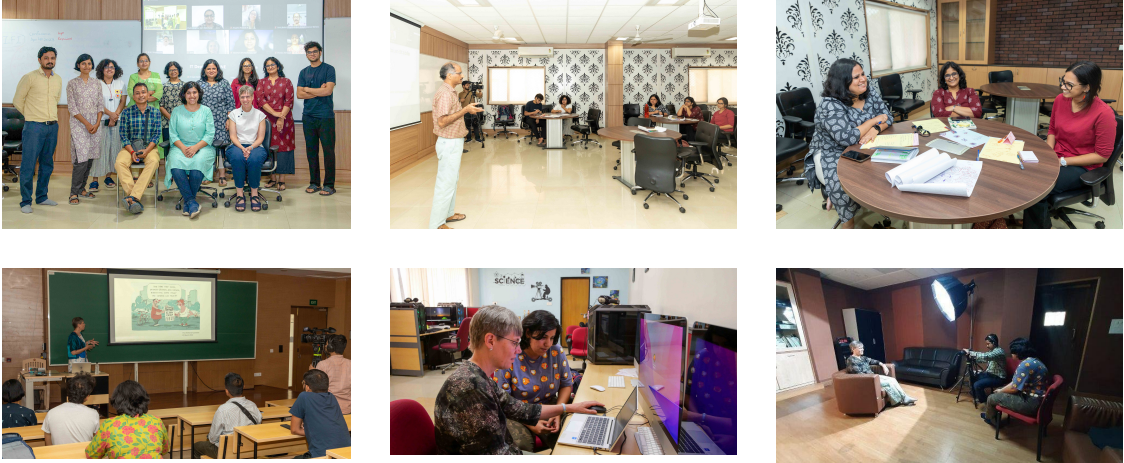
SMC Newsletter May-June 2023

Journalists' Roundtable on Science Communication

SMC organized its very first science journalists round table on 27 May 2023 in hybrid mode. This roundtable, attended by 21 science communicators, was coordinated by project co-PI [Shalini Sharma](#) and the [Science Journalists Association of India](#). The thematic sessions included focused discussions on the needs, skill-building, and sustainability of science journalism in India.

Project co-PI [Emma Weitkamp from UWE Bristol](#) visited IISER Pune for a week-long faculty exchange towards knowledge sharing and planning. On 25 May 2023, She also gave a talk titled 'Pandemic coverage by a three-nation study' focusing on editorial cartoons in the UK, Australia, and South Africa during covid-19. The talk is available [Here](#).

The roundtable was organized as a part of the [British Council Global Partnership Grant](#) for the project titled 'Internationalizing Higher Education in Science Journalism and Science Communication' where SMC has partnered with the [Science Communication Unit of the University of West England, Bristol](#).



Sci-Talk Season 3 Starts!

The third season of the 'Sci-Talk@SMC' series saw [KN Ganesh](#) and [Anil Kakodkar](#) interviewed by Rahul Iyer and Neha Kanase of SMC.

Initiated in Sept 2020, the 'Sci-Talk@SMC' series hosts scientists and science communicators to talk about their life and work. The first two seasons are available on [IISER Pune's YouTube channel](#).

SMC intern contribution: Akshay Kunnavil (BS-MS 5th year, HSS) edited the [Interview of KN Ganesh](#) while Omkar Golatkar (BS-MS 4th year, Bio) created the animation of a nuclear reactor for [Anil Kakodkar's interview](#).



A brand new brochure for IISER Admission 2023

SMC developed publicity and promotion material for the pan-IISER admission process involving the IISER Aptitude Test (IAT). Arun Kundu designed a brand new brochure and a [motion graphics video teaser](#) that briefly describes the admission process and pre-requisites of the IAT. Arun and Imayavan Pattabiraman, together edited an [alumni video](#) for IISER Mohali. This work was in coordination with [IISER Mohali](#) and Joint IISER Admission committee 2023.



Yoga for Govt officials from the British parliament

On International Yoga Day, Vivek Kannadi conducted a session for [Nick Gibb](#), Minister of State at the [Department of Higher Education, UK](#), and his team who visited IISER on the 21st of June. The Yoga session was thoroughly enjoyed by all the delegates.



Live streaming of the G-20 Meet

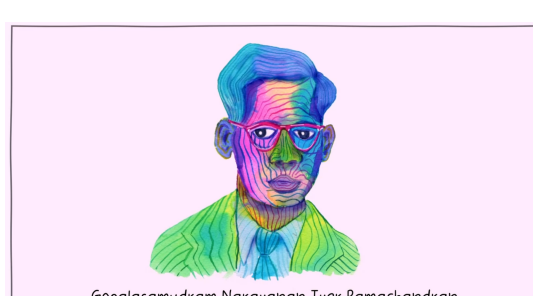
The seminar on 'Accessible Science fostering collaboration' held at IISER Pune on 16 June in collaboration with the [Dept of higher education, Government of India](#), and [Elsevier](#) was live-streamed and is available to [watch here](#). SMC team members coordinated the live streaming and recording of the event.



Call for Volunteers/ Interns:

1. GNR Project

[GNR Digital Museum](#) is now public. It is a living museum that will evolve over time with inputs and insights from those who engage with it in different ways. For example, we are currently developing plans for teacher-centered initiatives. Your leads and links are welcome! [Google form](#)



2. Documentary on Bibha Chowdhury:

At SMC we are now working on a documentary on Bibha Chowdhury- a pioneering, yet unsung, Indian Physicist. This is our effort to highlight the life and work of Indian women scientists.

The project led by Neha Kanase has a growing team of advisors and collaborators including [Seema Sharma](#), [Rohini Godbole](#), [Sulabha Kulkarni](#), [Vandana Nana](#), [Prof S Ramakrishnan](#), [Dr Rajinder Singh](#), [Arun Grover](#), [Suprakash Roy](#) and many others.

This illustration is made by Devika Khizhakoot (Int-PhD 1st year Bio). She was also a participant in our SEP workshop on Science Illustration and Animation.

If you are interested in this project and wish to contribute, don't hesitate to reach us. [Google form](#)

3. Science & Society Projects:

Our efforts to popularize the stories of GN Ramachandran and Bibha Chowdhury are part of a bigger vision to highlight the impact of Indian scientists on society. If you have any ideas about potential projects, do [email](#) Neha Kanase.

Institute events covered by SMC in May-June'23

1. Livestreaming of [Women in Mathematics](#) lecture on 12 May.
2. Photo coverage for the Alumni Event 2023 on 30 May.
3. Video, Photo and live streaming of [IISER Pune's 10th convocation ceremony](#) on 31 May.
4. Video and Photo for the [Spicmacay concert](#) on 2 June.
5. Photo for Director's office during the visit of Lithuania Ambassador delegates
6. Photo, video and live streaming of the [G-20 education working group meet](#) 16 June at the CV Raman Auditorium
7. Photo and Video for the director's boardroom meeting with delegates from the [UK Govt](#) on 21 June.
8. Photo for Director's meeting with delegates from the [Ministry of Oman](#) on 21 June
9. Video and photo for the workshop on Data-driven chemistry using molecular Origami models by [Robert Hanson](#) on 21 June
10. Video for [Siddhesh Kamat](#) for the [Merck Young Scientist Award 2020](#) on 23 June

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