

## **Workshop to impart training on techniques for writing on science**

Panaji, 16 March 2021: Vigyan Prasar and Vidnyan Parishad organised a Press Reporters and Editors Workshop on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at the Maquinez Palace, Panaji, on the topic of ‘Science, Environment and Health Reporting’. It was specifically designed to train journalists on Science News Writing/Reporting.

The speakers for the programme consisted of Nimish Kapoor, Scientist ‘E’ and In-charge, India Science wire, Vigyan Prasar, Santosh Pandey, Managing Editor, India Science Wire and Sabyesachi Bharti, Training Coordinator, India Science Wire, Vigyan Prasar.

“Capturing the essence of science related news in writing could be challenging. Hence, to make it easier for the media, we thought of having this workshop. I am really happy to see the audience present for the workshop and hope that they have received the message that we are trying to communicate,” said Nimish Kapoor.

The Press Reporters and Editors Workshop also consisted of a panel discussion on the topic ‘Challenges & Opportunities in Science, Environment and Health Reporting,’ which was held from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm. It was moderated by Fredrick Noronha, and included Santosh Pandey, Dr. Rajiv Nigam, Emeritus Scientist(retired), NIO, Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Senior Scientist (retired), NIO, Ramnath Raikar, Asst. Editor, The Navhind Times and Prakash Kamat, Senior Journalist as panelists.

“We had a very healthy panel discussion and knowing my fellow discussant’s experiences as well as sharing my own experiences to the audience was a great experience. I hope through this discussion the audience has learnt more about the field of science, ” said Santosh Pandey.

The workshop saw a wholehearted participation from the media while exchanging ideas in a healthy discussion.

“Social Media plays an important role in today’s world to gain knowledge and knowing about its functioning is crucial. Hence, I feel grateful for the opportunity to put forth my views and providing a perspective to our audience,” said Sabyesachi Bharti

The aim of the workshop was to impart good scientific temperament among the reporters and fellow participants.

Following the workshop, an Innovation Exhibition based on the theme of `Technology` was also inaugurated. The inauguration took place in the presence of Dr. B.K. Mishra, Director, IIT-Goa, Prof. Gopal Mugeraya, Director, NIT Goa, Jose Noronha, Chairman, Innovation Council and GPSC and Shekhar Sardesai, CEO, Kinenco Group.

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