

18th All India People's Science Congress
27-30 December 2024, West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences, Belgachia, Kolkata

SCHEDULE at a glance

	PRE-LUNCH		POST-LUNCH		EVENING	NIGHT	
Day 1 27 th December	10:00 – 14:00: GC Meeting (will include organizational issues collected from PSMs)		15.:00 – 19:00: Inaugural Session (including Cultural Programme) Theme: S & T for Self Reliance and Democratic Climate Resilient Development.			Cultural Programme	
	09:30 – 11:30	12:00-14:00	15 00 – 18:00 (3 Workshops under each Theme)		10:00 – 18.00	18:00 – 20 00	From 21:00
Day 2 28 th December	Sub-Plenary 1: Self Reliance and S & T. challenges of New Technology (Hall-1)	Sub-Plenary:4 Environment, Climate Change & Development (Hall-1)	12 Parallel Workshops related to Plenaries 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Media - room 9 Self reliance - room 6,7, 8 Gender - room 3,4,5 Environment - room 10,11 Culture - hall 3, room 1,2		Share your Ideas and Stalls & Exhibition of Arts and Painting	Cultural Programme	Dinner followed by documentaries and films
	Sub-Plenary 2: Gender ,Social Justice & Youth (Hall-2)						
	Sub-Plenary 3 Media and Communication (Hall-3)	Sub-Plenary 5 Cultural Diversity & Discrimination (Hall-2)					
Day 3 29 th December	Sub-Plenary 6: Public Health (Hall-1)	Sub-Plenary 8: Scientific Temper & Science Communication (Hall-1)	12 Parallel Workshops related to Plenaries 6,7, 8 & 9 Sc. Communication - hall 3, room 1 Agriculture - room 2,3,4 Health - room 6,7,8 Education - room 9,10,11			Cultural Programme	Dinner followed by documentar ies and films
	Sub-Plenary 7: Agriculture Food Security &Development (Hall-2)	Sub-Plenary 9: Education and NEP (Hall-2)					
Day 4 30 th December	Valedictory Session 9.30-2.30PM						
	9.30AM-11 .30 AM Special Session on Development of West Bengal (Hall-1)	11.30-12.00 Tea break	12.00-12.45PM Adopt Resolutions (Hall-1)	12.45PM-14.30PM Valediction of 18th AIPSC (Hall-1)			

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Detail SCHEDULE

Day 1: 27th December (Friday)

Inaugural Session : 15:00 – 19:00

Venue: Hall 1, Community Hall

Theme: S & T for Self Reliance and Democratic Climate Resilient Development.

Chair: Satyajit Rath, President, AIPSN

Moderator: Pradeep Mohapatra, Secretary , Organising Committee

Welcome Address: President , Organising Committee 18th AIPSC

Address by Satyajit Rath, President AIPSN

Address by Asha Mishra General Secretary, AIPSN

Cultural Program:

Speakers: Prabir Purkayastha, Founder Newsclick

Partha Pratim Mazumdar, Ex ISI, Kolkata and Visiting Prof IISER, Kolkata

Paromita Chakravarti, Professor, Jadavpur University

Sohail Hashmi, Cultural Activist & Historian

D. Raghunandan, DSF and Ex-President AIPSN

Vote of Thanks: Satyajit Chakraborty,

Closing Song:

19:00 onwards cultural program

Day 2: 28th December (Saturday)

Day 2 Session 1: 9:30-11:30am

Sub-plenary 1: S&T Self-reliance and Emerging Technologies	
Venue: Community Hall	
Chair: S. Chatterjee, AIPSN	
D.Raghuandan, AIPSN	Status and Perspective for the PSM
Sudipta De, Jadavpur University	Education and Research
Sushil Khanna, Professor (retired) IIM, Calcutta	Status of Public Sector Industries
P.V. Unikrishnan, Government of Kerala	Emerging technology: Knowledge Economy
Dinesh Abrol, DSF	Public investment and R&D in India:
R.K. Singh, BGVS, Jharkhand	Summary of presentations:

Sub-Plenary 2: Gender, Social Justice & Youth	
Venue: VCI Auditorium, 3rd Floor	
Chair : Mohana	
Moderator: Komal Srivastava: Introduction, Journey and perspective of Samata	
Archana Prasad Prof JNU	The struggles for Social Justice: Prospects and Challenges in the Current context
Thomas Franco	Women Credit and debt Trap: Govt Policy and privatisation of Banks and what is our counter to it?
Sumitra Chandel	Laws for the protection of women and their implementation
Prajwal Shastri	Women and Science
Biplab Ghosh	Challenges of the youth
Concluding Remarks by the Chair	

Sub-plenary 3: Media and Communication	
Venue: VCI Seminar Room Ground Floor	
Moderator: Kavita Kabeer	
Prabir Purkayastha	Challenges before the Science Movement in the internet age
Dr. Medusa	Using satire and humour in combating hate and misinformation
Q and A from the audience	

10:00-18:00: Share your Ideas and Stalls & Exhibition of Arts and Painting

Venue:

11:30-12:00 Tea Break

Day 2 Session 2: 12:00 -14:00

Sub-Plenary 4:Climate Change: Impacts, challenges, resilience Venue: Community Hall Chair: N.R. Bandyopadhyay, FOSET	
Moderator: D. Raghunandan, DSF:	Introducing AIPSN Campaign on Extreme Heat and Other Issues
Anumita Roy Chowdhury, DDG, Centre for Science & Environment	Heat waves and Cities
Prabir Purkayastha, DSF, Knowledge Commons, Newsclick:	Energy Transition to prevent disastrous climate change
Brijesh V.K.,Univ of Calicut, Kerala	Micro-scale Landslide, Early Warning systems: case study of Wayanad
Tapan Mishra, PBVM	Forests, Bio-diversity

Sub-Plenary 5: Cultural Diversity & Discrimination Venue: VCI Auditorium, 3rd Floor Topic: Cultural challenges at present times Chair: Naresh Prerna Panelists: Sohail Hashmi, cultural activist and historian Manoj Kulkarni, writer and painter Gagandeep, theatre director and drama artist
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14:00-15:00 PM Lunch

Day 2: Parallel Workshops: 15:00-18:00

Parallel workshop on Media and Communications Venue: Room no 9
Flow of the workshop: discussion based, Q and A. Dialogue initiators: Srinivas, Vinayak, Birju, Dinesh, Naresh Prerna, Prabhat Kumar, Arun, Kavita and participants from states. Moderator: S Krishnaswamy

Parallel Workshop: Gender, Social Justice & Youth
Workshop 1: Experience sharing on Samata and Social Justice . What are the Challenges? Venue: Room no 3 Coordinator : Pushpa and Manisha
Workshop 2 States to present on Health, Education , Scientific Temper, Violence against women; Livelihood Malar, Hunar. Venue: Room no 4 Coordinator Usha Nana and Radha
Workshop 3 : Youth Challenges and sharing of Experience Venue: Room no 5 Coordinator Biplab Ghosh

Parallel Workshop: S&T Self-reliance and Emerging Technologies	
Workshop 1. Knowledge Economy Venue: Room no 6 Coordinator : P.V. Unnikrishnan (Government of Kerala). Panelists: Ajith Padmanabhan (Ongil, Entrepreneur), Biju Parameswaran (Government of Kerala), Vimal Ravi (Government of Kerala), Prakash Mathew Jacob (Consultant to the Government of Kerala).	
2. Artificial Intelligence: Venue 1: Room no 7 Coordinator : Nandini Mukherjee (Jadavpur University). Panelists: Ranjith Radhakrishnan (Bangalore Science Collective). Soumik Chatterjee (Ongil).	
3. S&T, Public Institutions and Public Sector: Venue 1: Room no 8 Coordinator: Thomas Franco. Panelists: Mrityunjay Mohanty and others (TBC)	
* Rapporteur (05:00PM-06:00PM): Venue: Room no 6 Coordinator: Dinesh Abrol. The proceedings of all three workshops will be summarised in a joint meeting.	

Parallel workshops: Climate Change		
Workshop 1 3pm – 6pm Venue: Room no 10	Heat Waves: Campaign planning, resource materials, State proposals	Chair: T.P. Raghunath (Pondi SF) Moderator: D. Raghunandan (DSF): Campaign Plan, Resources, activities, outcomes Presentations: Indranil (DSF/JSA, Convenor, Health Desk): Vulnerabilities, health systems, interventions PSM Member Organizations: proposals for state-level campaign activities Discussions and Next Steps for Campaign
Workshop 2 3pm – 6pm Venue: Room no 11	Landslides, Urban and other Issues Part 1 <i>(60mins):Landslides, Extreme Rainfall, Development in Hill regions</i>	Chair: T. Gangadharan, KSSP Moderator: O.P.Bhuraita (Him GVS): Overview, Issues and Approach Presentations: (10 mins or depending on numbers) TBC (to be confirmed) Discussions and Way forward
	Part 2 <i>(60 mins):Urban Issues</i>	Moderator: Souvanic Roy (FOSET, IEST Shibpur) Presentations: Anumita Roychowdhury (CSE): Air Pollution D. Raghunandan (DSF): Urban flooding, Waste Others (TBC) Discussions and Way forward

	Part 3 (60 mins): Other issues	Moderator: Najibuddin Ahmed (Assam Co-ord Comm) Presentations: (10 mins or depending on numbers) Sourav Chakravorty (PBVM): Sundarbans Blorin Mohanty (Odisha BGVs): Rural Governance Others (tbc) Overall Summation and Action Plan: O.P.Bhuraita
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Media and Culture: Venue: hall 3, room 1,2
Cultural Diversity & Discrimination 1. Sharing of the cultural works in the states 2. Need for new experiments and learning skills 3. Need for social media and cultural works

18:00-20:00 Cultural Events

21:00 onwards: Dinner followed by screening of documentaries

Day 3: December 29 (Sunday)

Day 3 Session 1: 9:30-11:30am

Sub-Plenary 6:Public Health Topic: Challenges to Health Rights in rapidly privatising health system: Venue: Community Hall Chair: Satyawan Pundir, HPGVS	
Biswajit Dhar , Professor (retired), Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi	Patent Barriers and Rising prices of Medicine
Dipa Sinha , Ex-Faculty, Ambedkar University, Delhi, Right to Food Campaign	Equity, Social Determinants and Health Rights
Utpal Banerjee , Secretary, AHSD	West Bengal: Current Crisis of Health System and Peoples' Resistance
Richa Chintan , Co-convenor, JSA	25 Years of JSA: Campaign on Health Rights
Dhananjay Kakade , Director SATHI, Pune	Health Communications in the rapidly digitising health system

Sub-Plenary 7:Agriculture Food Security & Development Venue: VCI Seminar Room Ground Floor Chair: Dinesh Abrol , agenda setting and opening statement Session coordinators: P.K. Das, Shanunu Jha and Angshuman Sarma
Suman Sahai , Gene Campaign,
N Raghuram , Global Nitrogen Initiative
A Prema , Kerala Agricultural University
Biplab Ghosh , AIPSN
Discussants: O.P Bhuraita, S.R. Azad, Thomas Franco

11:30-12:00 Tea Break

Day 3 Session 2: 12:00 -14:00

Sub-Plenary 8:Scientific Temper & Science Communication	
Topic: Ancient Indian Scientific Traditions	
Venue: VCI Auditorium, 3rd Floor	
Chair: S. Krishnaswamy	
Session coordinator: Arunabha Misra, Desk Convenor, AIPSN	
Dr. Asish Lahiri , Pavlov Institute	Materialistic outlooks in ancient India
Prof. Somak Ray Choudhary , Vice Chancellor, Asoka University	Mathematical astronomical traditions of our country
Dr. Gauri Haval , formerly Head, Department of Zoology, AGC, Pune	Biological & medicinal Science in ancient India.

Sub-Plenary 9:Education and NEP	
Topic: Four Years of NEP 2020	
Venue: Community Hall	
12-12-10: Coordinator - Geeta Mahashabde	
12.10-12.20: Presided by- Prof. Rajamanikkam	
Dr.C. Ramakrishnan	NEP and Its implications in School Education
Prof. Anita Rampal	Implications in Academic Aspects of School Education
Kamla Menon	Pre-Schooling
Dr.Kasheenath Chatterjee	Literacy and Lifelong Education
Prof.Salim Shah	NEP and its implications in Higher Education
Ms. Ishita	Implications on Academic aspects including the academic structure and content
Dr.C.Padmanabhan	National Testing Agency and the hidden agenda
Consolidation:	

14:00-15:00 PM Lunch

Day 3: Parallel Workshops: 15:00-18:00

Public Health

15:00 to 16:30	Parallel Workshop 1: West Bengal Health Scenario Venue: Room no 6 Convenor: Fuad Halim Resource persons: Anup Ray, former Principal, Calcutta Medical College; Shyamal Mitra, Ex Deputy Director, Finance, GoWB	Parallel Workshop 2: Challenges in Access to Medicines Venue : Room no 7 Convenor: Gargeya Thalakapally; Resource persons: MR Santhosh, TISS Guwahati. Shantanu Tripathy, Professor and Principal, JGIMS, Kolkata Jytosna Singh, PSI	Parallel Workshop 3: Emerging challenges of Government Funded Health Insurance Schemes Venue: Room no 8 Moderator: Dipa Sinha Resource persons: Anandita Sharma, JGU Nirmalya Das, AHSD Richa Chintan, JSA
16:30 - 18:00	Parallel workshop 4: Experience Sharing from States: Venue: Room no 6 Convenor: Satyawan Pundir & Mubarak Saini; Sharing from JVV AP; and others	Converging Workshop 5: Communications Strategies for Health Rights Campaign: Venue 2: Room no 7 Convenor: Satnam, JSA, Co-convenor Resource Persons: Dhananjay Kakde, Director SATHI Meenuka Mathew, JGU	

Scientific Temper & Science Communication

Workshop 1: Kolkata declaration vis a vis promotion of scientific temper by adopting newer arenas of science communication. Venue: hall 3 Session coordinator: Aniket Sule , Professor, HBCSE, Mumbai Discussion initiator: Prof. B N Reddy , JVV-AP	Workshop 2: Women in Science under present Indian perspective Venue: room 1 Session Coordinator: Ravinder Kumar Banyal , Professor of IIAP, Bangalore Discussion Initiator: Nidhi Singh , Chattisgarh Vigyan Sabha.
Speakers: Anuj Sinha , Ex director, NCSTC Vivek Monteiro , Navnirmiti, Pune Nandini Mukherjee , Professor, JU, Kolkata.	Speakers: Dr. Prajwal Shastri , Professor (Retd), IIAP, Bangalore Dr. Anindita Bhadra , Associate professor, IISER, Kolkata. S. Krisnaswamy , Professor (Retd), MKU, TN

Agriculture:

Parallel Workshops (15:00-16:00)	
Workshop I: Agro-ecology Venue: Room no 2	Angshuman Sarma and Subhash Sharma Coordination team
Workshop II: Livestock and Fisheries Venue: Room no 3	Pradip. K Das, Coordination team

Workshop III: Agriculture and Climate Change, Venue: Room no 4	Shantunu Jha, Coordination team
Breakout Sessions (16.00-17.00):	
1) Rural livelihoods, corporate control of R&D and markets, credit and policy alternatives	Subhash Sharma, Joginder Walia and Thomas Franco
2) Rejuvenation of common pool resources and labour for agricultural development, rural technology, employment and livelihoods revitalization	V Gopinath, Biplob Ghosh, Vijay Patel, S R Azad and Dinesh Abrol
3) FPOs, cooperatives and digital sovereignty and empowerment	A Prema, Rijish, O P Bhuratia, Dharam Singh and Raseena
4) Climate resilience and interventions in varied agro-ecosystems	Shantunu Jha, Saonbanerjee, Subrata dutta, N Raghuram and Suman Sahai
Concluding Session (17.00-18.00 hrs) for the planning of 2025-27 agenda of AIPSN for agriculture, food sovereignty and rural livelihoods (Biplob Ghosh and Dinesh Abrol & Coordinators), Regional Coordinators, Agriculture desk members, thematic coordinators, Workshop Coordination Team and State Level Representatives Venue: Room no 2	

Education and NEP:

<p>Workshop 1 School Education Venue: Room no 9 3.00pm - 4.30pm– Experience sharing: Including Field level experiences and Emerging voices of resistance. Coordinator: Blorine Mohanthy, Coordinating team : Dr. Biplav Ghosh, PP Babu, Sewta Rath, Subrahmani KSSP, Navnirmitti, TNSF, Noth East, Experiences of Community learning centres</p> <p>4.30pm - 6.00pm Way forward: Includes scope of alternate policy, PSM position regarding National Textbook, Evaluation, Work integrated curriculum etc - Coordinator: Dr. Biplav Ghosh, Coordinating team- P.V. Divakaran, BPSU Urba Experts: Prof. Anita Rampal, Vivek Montario, Meerabai</p>
<p>Workshop 2: Lifelong Education 3.00pm to 4.50 pm Pre-schooling 4.50 pm to 6.00pm Lifelong Education Venue : Room no 10 Coordinator: Bhim Sigh, Coordinating Team Muralidhar, Santhosh, Muddgal, Bhola Ram (Jharkand) Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, Utter Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Tripura Expert: Komal Shrivastav, Dr. Omprakash Buraita, Anup Sarkar Pre-Schooling: Coordinator: T.A. Prasanth Babu KSSP, MP BGVS, BGVS Karnataka, BGVS Odisha Experts: Meera Bai, Kamla Menon</p>
<p>Work Shop 3: Higher Education Venue: Room no 11</p>

3.00 to 4.30 pm- Emerging voices of Resistance, Experience sharing: Moderator Prof. Pramod Gouri

Presentation by state PSMs in the presence of the Experts: Prof. Salim Shah, Ms.Ishita, Dr.C.Padmanabhan, Dr. Koya Venkateswara Rao

4.30-6.00pm- Way forward: Moderator Dr. Ratheesh Krishnan

Panel of Experts Dr.N.Mani, Shyamal Chakraborti, Dr.S.Krishnaswami

18:00-20:00 Cultural Events

21:00 onwards: Dinner followed by screening of documentaries

Day 4: December 30 (Monday)

9.30AM-11 .30 AM

Special Session on Development of West Bengal

Venue: Community Hall

Chair: Prof. Souvonik Roy.

Speakers	Topic
Prof. Achin Chakraborty , Professor, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata	Economy - agriculture & industry
Prof. Sivaji Chakravorti , Professor Deptt of Electrical Engineering, Jadavpur University & President, West Bengal Academy of Science & Technology	Science & Technology
Kumar Rana , Scholar & Social Activist	Education
Samudra Sengupta , CMOH, 24 Parganas (North), Govt of West Bengal	Health

11:30-12:00 Tea Break

12:00-12.45PM – Adopt Resolutions; Community Hall

Valedictory Session: 12:45-14:00

Venue: Community Hall

Chair: Komal Srivastava & S Krishnaswami

Speakers

Ram Ramaswamy, Former VC, Hyderabad University and Prof. Dynamic Lab, IIT Delhi

Malini Bhatavharya, Former MP, Lok Sabha

R Ramanujam, Scientist, Ex IMSc; TNSF

ND Jayaprakash, Co-convenor *Bhopal Gas Peedith Sangharsh Sahayog Samiti*; Jt-Secretary, DSF;

Announcement of the New Executive Committee

Remarks by the General Secretary, AIPSN

Presidential Remarks

Closing Song

Vote of thanks: 18th AIPSC Organising Committee