

GLDC presents TaLeS*
a talk - From journals to journalism

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Abstract

The impact of developments in science and technology on our daily life and living standards of the society can not be neglected. The community at large is fast realizing the need and importance of science, technology and environment journalism and public engagement in various science policy decisions, but this field suffers from a paucity of talent all across the globe - people who would bring facts to public and stimulate public debates over areas that have a direct effect on our world.

The talk shall cover some basics of science, technology and environment journalism - what do these terms mean, what do the professional science/technology journalists do, why is this field gaining importance, what is their present status and the challenges that exist in this field in India and abroad, opportunities for science/engineering graduates in this field to pursue higher studies and/or career, and a glimpse of the bright future of this field in next decade.

About the speaker

Mohit Kumar Jolly is a final year undergraduate student in the Department of Biological Sciences and Bioengineering. His interests include science journalism, citizen journalism and public understanding of science. He is the Co-founder and Student Coordinator of NERD - the campus science and technology magazine. He is the only Indian engineering student to present a paper on science communication at the 6th International Conference on Hands-on Science. He has interviewed more than 50 eminent scientists/engineers including Dr. Martin Chalfie (Nobel Laureate, 2008, Chemistry), Dr. Robert Langer (the most cited engineer in history), Dr. Ashok Misra (ex-Director, IIT B) and Dr. G. Padmanabhan (ex-Director, IISc Bangalore).

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