

The Art of Science

14 to 18 at FTII. The workshop is the first of many that will follow with the beginning of a long-term collaboration between the two organisations to help improve quality of science broadcast in the nation. Similar regional workshops are also being held at Lucknow, Thiruvananthapuram and Kolkata.

GB Singh, associate professor, Television Department, FTII and coordinator for the workshop, said, "For us it is a social responsibility initiative. Three FTII teachers are participating. With Vigyan Prasar we plan to enter into a long-term Memorandum of Understanding as we have the infrastructure to train people here. The teachers participating this time will become resource persons hereafter."

Eminent personalities from the scientific community, including Jayant Narlikar, founder director, Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) will be part of the faculty that will train participants of the workshop. Resource persons from Vigyan Prasar will also be faculty members for the workshop.

"Vigyan Prasar in partnership with SEVAKS, an NGO organized a national workshop on Science Broadcasting in Delhi to overcome the problem of quality in science broadcasts. The workshop had a significant impact. The regional workshops are improved versions," said Nimish Kapoor, Coordinator, Science Broadcasting Workshop, Vigyan Prasar, New Delhi.

The workshop will focus on improving skills to quickly locate scientific content and provide tools, tricks and tips for covering issues related to health, agriculture, environment and technology. The workshop is aimed at professionals associated with amateur video productions related to science communication, community radio producers and script writers, science communicators in labs and voluntary organizations, faculty members of journalism schools, with experience in science video production and science communication or journalism through electronic media.