

India Japan Laboratory has been steadily expanding its reach among Indian students through collaboration with educators and students of various higher educational institutions both in India and Japan. The COVID-19 pandemic has given us an opportunity to extend our hands to initiate interactions between India and Japan on many fronts. Our research and action have touched the fields such as media, disaster management, basic health, innovation among the youth, while steadily expanding the consortium of industry partners. We are delighted to inform you all that we could organize our first India Japan Forum, a hybrid event, at Mita Campus. Activity Report of AY 2022-23 is summarized as below:



“Japan Calling” Educational Seminar for Studying in Japan

For the benefit of Indian students, “Japan Calling” the free educational seminar was organized online for Indian students for three days in May 2022. 900 students participated. With the cooperation from Embassy of Japan in India, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) and Nihongo Centre, New Delhi, organized by IJL, IJBC and Sakar Foundation. Testimonies of Indian students in Japan were broadcasted live. **For more info:** <https://indiajapanlab.org/activities/593/>

Logo Competition for IISc-IJL Science, Technology Innovation and People

The preparation for collaborative forum on Science, Technology, Innovation and People by Keio University, India Japan Laboratory and Centre for Society and Policy, Indian Institute of Social Science (IISc), Bangalore, is initiated with the logo competition in February. We received 286 entries!! Finalists will be selected in May 2023. **INDO JAPAN S&T FORUM WEBPAGE:** <https://csp.iisc.ac.in/indo-japan-st-forum/>



Events Participated

Pune Konnichiwa Pune 2022: <https://indiajapanlab.org/announcement/965/>

Mumbai NEDO-IIT Bombay Seminar 2023: <https://indiajapanlab.org/activities/1164/>

Delhi Inauguration of Japanese Language Certificate Course at Guru Govind Singh Indraprastha University: <https://indiajapanlab.org/activities/1138/>

Chennai International Patel Discussion on Diversity in Education (Online): <https://indiajapanlab.org/activities/1120/>

70th Anniversary of India-Japan Diplomatic Relations IJBC-IJL Bi-monthly Lecture Series

As the first joint project, IJBC and IJL offered bi-monthly lecture series on various themes such as diplomacy, technology and innovation, development perspectives, disaster management, yoga and music. **For more info:** <https://indiajapanlab.org/activities/1064/>

Talk Show    

IJL organized four talk shows by Ms. Nupur Tewari on business insights by inviting four senior business leaders on their business philosophy and potentials of future business.



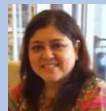
Talk Shows access: <https://indiajapanlab.org/activities/630/>



Lectures and Classes @ SFC

● Fall Semester 2022 : IJL invited three professors from three universities of India to enhance academic exchanges between India and Japan.

- ① Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi : Professor Srabani Roy Choudhury
- ② Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, Assam: Professor Sudip Mitra
- ③ Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru : Professor Anjula Gurtoo



● In Spring Semester, IJL offers “Culture, Environment and Technology of India” known as ‘Indo Class’ which has become popular among the students.

● Indian Institute of Management Kozikode: Dr. Devashis Chatterjee organised by Suzuki Innovation Centre.



● Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee research team presented their study to doctoral and master students at Keio University SFC.



● Special Lecture by Mr. Yukihiro Funyu, Vice President, Energy & Sustainability and Business Headquarters, Global Sales Headquarters of Yokogawa Electric Co., Ltd., an IJL consortium member, on DX Strategies.



● Onagawa KIZUNA Project (Prof. Shaw, Asst Prof. Mika Kunieda) Ms. Sujata Saunik, IAS, and Mr. Alok Awasthi (Commander, National Disaster Response Force: NDRF) gave lecture on their mission in Onagawa post 3.11.



Online Programme by Indian Universities

● JNU FORUM:

Commemorating the 70th anniversary of the bilateral relationship between India and Japan, Professor Srabani Roy Choudhury, Japanese Studies, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University organized this forum.



● Critical Writing Workshop :

South Asia Alliance of Disaster Research Institutes (SAADRI) , IIT Roorkee and IJL organised the critical writing workshop for doctorate and master students for writing papers (13 December 2022)



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Visitors to IJL and IJL visits within Japan

- September 2022: Visit of the official delegation from Department of Science and Technology: DST), Government of India (Professor Rajib Shaw, Dr. Ranit Chatterjee, Mr. Yukio Takeyari, Senior Researcher, and Ms. Tomo Kawane, Senior Researcher, welcomed them to IJL.
- November 2022: Visit of the representatives from Suzuki HQ and Suzuki Innovation Centre (SIC) at Hyderabad, India, organized the lecture by Dr. Debashis Chatterjee, the Director of IIM Kozikode.
- January 2023 : Courtesy visit to Japan India Association (JIA), greeted ex-Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, the 9th president at the 120th anniversary of Japan India Association (JIA) (Shaw, Takeyari, Kawane).
- February 2023 : Ms. Sujata Saunik, IAS, and Mr. Alok Awasthi, then Commander of NRDF post the 2011 Tōhoku Earthquake and Tsunami.



Higher Educational Institutions and Research Institutes Visited



● Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (Centre for Disaster Management and Research: CDMR)

June 2022 : Consultation meeting was organized by IITG by inviting JICA, IJL of Keio University, the representatives of the four states of North Eastern India for disaster risk management. Professor Rajib Shaw and Ms. Tomo Kawane were invited and discussed about preparing the project of disaster management with Dr. T.G. Sitaram, Director, Professor Sudip Mitra, Director of CDMR and other professors.

November 2022: Professor Shaw and Ms. Akiko Kato, lecturer of yoga, visited.



● Indian Institute of Management Calcutta

June 2022 : Discussed possible collaborations with Professor Uttam Kumar Sarkar, Director, and the representatives of Innovation Park on campus. Visited by Professor Shaw and Ms. Kawane



● Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee

June 2022: IIT Roorkee, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan, and Keio University collaborate to implement an India-Japan bilateral project entitled "Ecosystem centric rural revitalization: Bridging the urban-rural dichotomy toward post-COVID resilient recovery" funded by ICSSR of India and JSPS of Japan. It focuses on Haridwar, India, and Kanagawa, Japan. The workshop was attended by Professor Shaw.



● Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru

August 2022 : Visit to Centre for Society and Policy by Professor Shaw and Ms.Kawane



● Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

November 2022 : Professor Shaw visited



● Guru Govind Singh Indraprastha University :

February 2022 : Inauguration of Japanese Language Course (23 February 2023)
Ms.Kawane offered the guidance.



● Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

February 2023 : Participated NEDO-IITB seminar (Attended by Ms.Kawane)



● University of Madras (March 2022)

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● Jawaharlal Nehru University (March & November 2022)



Universities visited in Pune (March 2022)

- Savitribai Phule Pune University
- MIT-World Peace University
- IISER Pune
- Symbiosis International (Deemed University)



● National Maritime Foundation (デリー)

November 2022 : Professor Shaw offered his lecture at Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2022 (IPRD)

[Europe] Joint International Seminar Series on Disaster Risk Reduction in Higher Education in partnership with Global Disaster Resilience Centre of University of Huddersfield (For Ph.D. students)



01 February 2023 : Joint International Seminar was initiated by IJL and the Global Disaster Resilience Centre of University of Huddersfield for the benefit of Ph.D. students. From Keio University, Professor Shaw gave the keynote speech. Ms. Aryaninsh preseted her doctoral research. It has been co-ordinated by Ms Kawane.

Media Sensitization Programme: Disaster Risk Reduction & Risk Communication

Held at Kolkata Press Club, it was our first major public event since the COVID-19 pandemic started. We could hold the first media sensitization programme on disaster reporting with the participation of more than 90 professionals and some educationists in the field of journalism in the presence of Consul General of Japan at Kolkata.

Detailed Report available at: https://indiajapanlab.org/wpIj/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Media-Sensitisation-Programme_Disaster-Risk-Reduction-Communication-2022_240622.pdf



The First India Japan Forum

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Japan, IJL organized our first India Japan Forum at Mita Campus in hybrid mode. Youth forum members, experts, educationists, government officials, and industry leaders of the IJL consortium members presented on important themes that connect India and Japan. Keio students from various campuses participated.

Detailed Report available at: <https://indiajapanlab.org/wpIj/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/India-Japan-Forum-2022-Report.pdf>



QUAD Co-operation and Marine Resources

This report deals with national and international challenges regarding marine mineral resources. Renewable energy holds a key in transitioning from a fossil fuel-based economy to a low-carbon sustainable economy supply chain. Anticipating possible future exploitation of marine mineral resources, the importance of environmental sustainable subsea mining is discussed.

Detailed Report available at: https://indiajapanlab.org/wpIj/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/QUAD-Policy-Note-Final_16-Nov-docx.pdf



Health Disaster Resilience in Assam

Our first North East India project was to study on health disaster resilience in Assam State. Upon the request from National Health Mission, we carried out health disaster assessment report in the district of Bongaigaon in the month of August 2022, immediately after major floods that affected the region.

Detailed Report available at: https://indiajapanlab.org/wpIj/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/HDRA_NHM-Assam.pdf

