

# NEWSLETTER

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## SOUTH ASIA NETWORK FOR COMMUNICATION, DISPLACEMENT AND MIGRATION (SAN-CDM)

**The SAN-CDM organised “Movements and Migration: An Online Training Workshop on Reporting about Refugees and Migrants in South Asia” with trainer Zobaer Ahamed. 10 working journalists from different countries in South Asia completed the training.**

### **Movements and Migration: An Online Training Workshop on Reporting about Refugees and Migrants in South Asia**

by

**The South Asia Network for Communication, Displacement and  
Migration (SAN-CDM)**

organised by Calcutta Research Group  
in collaboration with DW Akademie

In June 2023, India and Pakistan together evacuated more than a hundred and seventy thousand people before the landfall of cyclone Biparjoy. Cyclonic and tidal storms, and resultant displacements are commonplace in the South Asian region, as are earthquakes, cloud burst, landslides, droughts, floods and famines. Apart from cataclysmic climatic events (increasing in frequency and severity) political upheavals/ unrest, insurgencies and struggles for autonomy, financial collapse and myriad other reasons make South Asia both a migrant and refugee producing and receiving region. Historical connections and the legacy of the partition also enable movement across national and international borders—making the refugees and migrants in and from South Asia some of the most vulnerable people on the planet.

The planned online training workshop, organized by Calcutta Research Group in collaboration with DW Akademie, under the aegis of the South Asia Network for Communication, Displacement and Migration (SAN-CDM) will focus on creating well-researched news items with a focus on refugees and migrants in South Asia. It will familiarize the trainees with relevant data, protocols, frameworks and nomenclature important to the field. The training will identify hidden and obvious biases present in mainstream reportage and indicate ways to tackle them.

Applications are invited from journalists across South Asia for this interactive online workshop. [Apply at https://forms.gle/9XRazeJGnqnxhbebA](https://forms.gle/9XRazeJGnqnxhbebA)

Last date for submitting applications: 29.06.2023

Date of intimation to selected participants: 02.07.2023

Dates of training: 6, 7, 8th July, 2023

Mode: On zoom.

Deliverables: One collaborative news item (report/ photo essay/ podcast, video story) to be published before 31st July 2023.

To learn more about SAN-CDM please check <https://mcrg.in/san-cdm/>

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# SOUTH ASIA NETWORK FOR COMMUNICATION, DISPLACEMENT AND MIGRATION (SAN-CDM)

## Migrants and Roads

Reporting in the Wake of Disasters and Migration

Media Workshop  
Kolkata, 28 July 2023

organised by  
Calcutta Research Group  
in collaboration with  
Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna  
South Asian Women in Media (SAWM)  
DW Akademie  
SAN-CDM  
Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Kolkata



The SAN-CDM jointly organised the media workshop **'Migrants and Roads: Reporting in the Wake of Disasters and Migration,'** in collaboration with the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna, Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Kolkata, South Asian Women in Media (SAWM), Deutsche Welle (DW) Akademie, hosted at the Goethe-Institut/Max Mueller Bhavan Kolkata, on 28 July 2023, in Kolkata.

The media workshop was followed by the media training **'Reporting Migration: Values, Structures, Linkages,'** on 29 July 2023. Senior Journalist Subir Bhaumik trained 9 journalists and experts from India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan.

## REPORTING MIGRATION: VALUES, STRUCTURES, LINKAGES

A training workshop for journalists

IDENTIFY  
TYPES OF  
MIGRATION



EXPLORE GLOBAL  
AND LOCAL LINKAGES

LEARN  
REPORTING  
STRUCTURES



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29 TH JULY 2023, KOLKATA

# The SAN-CDM organised the webinar “Taking Stock: Refugee and Migration Situations in South Asia” on 31.08.2023.

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PRESENTS ITS ONLINE EVENT ON

## TAKING STOCK: REFUGEE AND MIGRATION SITUATIONS IN SOUTH ASIA

LET'S TALK!  
organised by

**Calcutta Research Group (CRG), in collaboration with DW Akademie**

**DATE: 30.08.2023 (WEDNESDAY)**  
**TIME: 6 : 30 PM IST**

**Moderator: Bharat Bhushan, Journalist & Member, CRG**

**Panelists**

- Iqbal Khattak**, Journalist/Media Development Expert, Freedom Network, Pakistan
- Shafqat Munir**, Political and Security Risk Analyst, Non Resident Fellow at ISAS-NUS, Bangladesh
- Shambhu Kattel**, Journalist, Annapurna Media Group, Nepal
- Greeshma Kuthar**, Journalist, India
- M. C. Rasmin**, The Foundation for Advancing Critical Thinking in South Asia (Facts), Sri Lanka

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Paula Banerjee delivered a webinar on “Gender Budgeting” as an essential equipment for creating gender equity especially with marginalised and migrant populations.

The Bangladesh Institute for Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS) published a report on India-Middle East- Europe economic corridor [https://bipss.org.bd/pdf/India-Middle%20East-Europe%20Economic%20Corridor%20\(IMEC\)%20\\_%20%20Oppo rtunities%20and%20Challenges%20\(1\).pdf](https://bipss.org.bd/pdf/India-Middle%20East-Europe%20Economic%20Corridor%20(IMEC)%20_%20%20Oppo rtunities%20and%20Challenges%20(1).pdf)

Samata Biswas participated in a panel discussion on gender and migration as part of the media workshop “Migrants and Roads: Reporting in the Wake of Disasters and Migration” on July 28, 2023. In August Biswas participated in the Association for Cultural Studies Institute “Decolonisation in the Twenty first Century”, in Hsinchu City, Taiwan. She presented her work on migration, epidemic and the fault lines of gender, religion, race and caste and screened Calcutta Migrant City films. She also guest edited the Refugee Watch special issue on “Politics, Space, Memory: Identity Making in the Wake of Partition”. Biswas also delivered a public lecture on the partition and women’s memoirs in Bengali, in the seminar organised by Shabda Kolkata Cultural Trust. Biswas participated in the GPPAC South Asia Regional Steering Committee meeting in Kathmandu Nepal.

**Sulochana Ramiah Mohan** published “Duped and Deceived” in Ceylon Today, on June 24, 2023.

<https://ceylontoday.lk/2023/06/24/duped-and-deceived/> and “Padayatra marks 200 years of Indian-origin Tamils in SL”, Ceylon Today, July 25, 2023.

<https://ceylontoday.lk/2023/07/25/padayatra-marks-200-years-of-indian-origin-tamils-in-sl/>

**Surabhi Singh**, published a story on “FISH WITHOUT WATER - Tribals Fear Separation from Forest and Land in Chhattisgarh” in Newsreel Asia in September 16, 2023. Video link :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZrfpSNrHRA&t=413s>

**Debasree Sarkar** published the review “The Aftermath of Partition: Vulnerabilities, Remembrance, and Fractured Identities”, in Politics, Space, Memory: Identity Making in the Wake of Partition Refugee Watch 61 & 62 (June & December 2023): 208-214, [http://www.mcrq.ac.in/rw%20files/RW61\\_62/RW61\\_62.pdf](http://www.mcrq.ac.in/rw%20files/RW61_62/RW61_62.pdf). Debasree Sarkar presented a paper in the XVII National Conference of the IAWS on “Women’s Studies and Women’s Movements: Challenges and Resilience”, held on 7-10 September, in Thiruvananthapuram.

**Shambhu Kattel** wrote [an article](#) on The Annapurna post about human trafficking via Tribhuvan international airport.

Anup Ojha published a series of articles on The Kathmandu Post about migration and trafficking issues. They include [“US job promise turns nightmare for many”](#), [“Police expected to exercise caution”](#) etc.