



# International Citizen Science Conclave: The Power of People in Science

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Pune Knowledge Cluster

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The Pune Knowledge Cluster is organizing an International Citizen Science Conclave with the aim of bringing together passionate individuals, communities, researchers, and innovators committed to advancing science through collective action. The Conclave will serve as a platform to showcase citizen science initiatives from across the world and help foster collaborations, sharing of best practices and the development of new citizen science initiatives. Through this event, we wish to explore the transformative potential of citizen-led research in promoting scientific inquiry and addressing global challenges.

Timing	Agenda
<b>Citizen Science Expert Dialogue</b>	
09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration (with tea/coffee)
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Context Setting (By PKC)
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Keynote Talks</b>
	Dr. Laura Trouille Vice President of Science Engagement at the Adler Planetarium Chicago, Co-Principal Investigator at Zooniverse platform and Research Associate at Northwestern University, Chicago, United States
	Prof. Ajit Kembhavi Co-Founder, Pune Knowledge Cluster, Pune, India
<b>Session 1</b>	
11:00 AM - 12:45 PM	Mr. Atharva Pathak Consultant, Pune Knowledge Cluster, Pune, India
	Mr. Shirish Kanitkar Consultant, Pune Knowledge Cluster, Pune, India
	Dr. Thomas Vattakaven Senior Application Scientist, India Biodiversity Portal and Strand Life Sciences, Bengaluru, India
	Dr. Ananya Karmakar Scientist-C, India Meteorological Department (IMD), Pune, India
	Mr. Krishnan Komandur Chief Executive Officer, Adar Poonawalla Clean City Initiative (APCCI), Pune, India



	<p>Dr. Suhel Quader Scientist and Programme Head, Nature Conservation Foundation, Bengaluru, India</p> <p>Dr. Anupreeta More Research Faculty, Inter-University Centre of Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune, India</p>
12:45 PM - 01:00 PM	Q & A
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM	Networking Lunch
<b>Session 2</b>	
02.00 PM - 03:00 PM	<p>Prof. Katrien Kolenberg Professor of Science Communication and Outreach, Professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics, KU Leuven - Faculty of Science, University of Antwerp (UAntwerpen), Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB), Institute of Astronomy, KU Leuven, Brussels, Belgium</p>
	<p>Mr. Raghuvansh Saxena Chief Executive Officer, Earthwatch Institute India, Haryana, India</p>
	<p>Dr. Shubha Sathyendranath Principal Scientist, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, Plymouth, United Kingdom</p>
	<p>Dr. Ritesh Kumar Choudhary Scientist-E, Agharkar Research Institute (ARI), Pune, India</p>
03.00 PM - 03:15 PM	Q & A
<b>Session 3</b>	
03:15 PM - 04:15 PM	<p>Mr. Masatoshi Shimosuka Policy Analyst, Global Science Forum (GSF), OECD, Paris, France</p>
	<p>Dr. Anas Abdulaziz Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Kerala, India</p>
	<p>Mr. Seán Lynch Founder, OpenLitterMap, Ireland, Republic of Ireland</p>
	<p>Special Address: Dr. Vishal Choudhary Scientist-F, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India</p>
04:15 PM - 04:30 PM	Q & A & Closing Remarks
04:30 PM - 05:00 PM	High Tea
<b>Citizen Science Expo (Open to All)</b>	
05:00 PM - 07:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exhibition of Citizen Science Platforms</li><li>• Live demonstrations of data collection tools and dashboards/App</li></ul>