Consortium on water, river basin management at IIT-I

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Indore: The School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Indian Institute of Technology, Indore (IIT-I) organized a consortium on 'Water and river basin management in Indore and neighbouring districts - current issues and future research agendas' on Tuesday at its IET campus.

The idea behind this seminar was to bring together water professionals and planners of Indore to discuss and debate on the different water-related problems in nearby areas and formulate a tentative research agenda. This could act as a guideline to work to-

wards a more water secure future and a cleaner river/drainage ecosystem of this region.

"The need for knowledge and awareness in the area of water man-

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agement has since long been felt, and this effort at the local level could be the foundation of a larger understanding of local issues and social problems that affect our everyday living and combine the locally available manpower/human resource to solve them," said faculty Bharath Kumar.

Water workers and consumers from different backgrounds and capabilities should come together to develop inclusive and sustainable water governance in Madhya Pradesh.

The seminar presented different perspectives in water management discourse and arrive at some understanding that could guide us in our effort to develop an applicable, useful, and socially relevant research agenda for Indore and Madhya Pradesh. Among others, Rahul Banerjee from Dhas Vikas Kendra, Hemal Kamat from Concept Society and Khadse from VJSS, Indore, participated in the discussions.