

Learnings from the 2nd International Sociohydrology Conference in Tokyo, Japan

Attending the 2nd International Sociohydrology Conference in Tokyo, Japan was incredibly enriching and inspiring. The event brought together a diverse community of researchers, practitioners, and policymakers from various disciplines. As a young female early-career researcher, I found the keynotes by Dr. Amber Wutich and Ms. Kotchakorn Voraakhom particularly inspiring. Their work with local communities and decision-makers, have encouraged me to approach my ongoing research with a more human-focused lens.

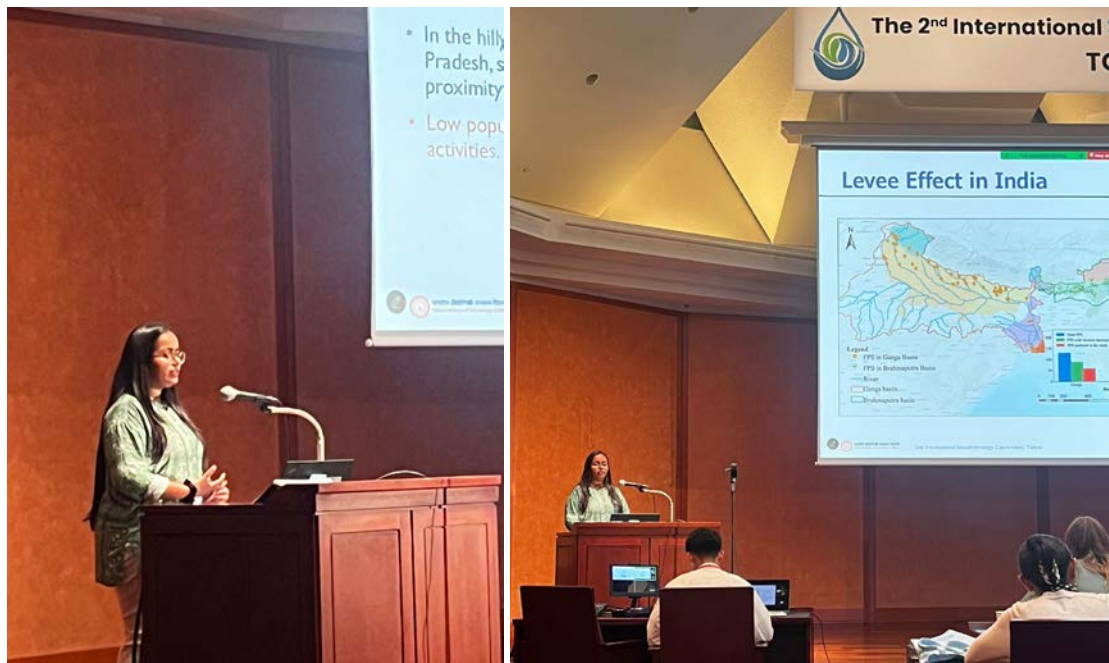
I had the opportunity to chair a session on “Data for Sociohydrological comparison”, which was both challenging and rewarding as a first-time experience. I also shared my journey as a panelist in a pre-conference webinar organized by the early career researchers.

Connecting with fellow SYSTA awardees, and veterans in field deepened my appreciation for the global relevance of sociohydrology and the value of localized solutions. I left Tokyo inspired, better connected, and motivated to contribute to this evolving field.

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With Vicky, Nura and Prof. Sivapalan (Day 1)



Presenting my research (Picture credits: Vicky)



Presentation of SYSTA awards



At a Japanese Ramen place with Nura and Vicky ☺