



UNESCO MISARC & Southern Asia Studies Programme
Pondicherry University, Puducherry, India
Seminar

on

***River Water Sharing in South Asia: Identifying Common
Concerns for Peace and Development***
April 19-21, 2012

Programme

Day One: Thursday, April 19, 2012

Inaugural Session: 10.00-12.00 Noon (UMISARC Auditorium)

- Registration** : **9.00 – 9:45 a.m**
- Opening Remarks** : **Prof. N. K. Jha**
Director, UMISARC & Dean, School of Social Sciences &
International Studies, Pondicherry University
- Inaugural Address** : **Prof Ramesh Dadhich**
Member Secretary
Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR),
New Delhi
- Keynote Address** : **Ambassador Ms. Meera Shankar, IFS (Retd.)**
Former Indian Ambassador to the US
Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi
- Special Address** : **Prof Pushpesh Pant**
Former Dean, School of International Studies
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Special Address** : **Prof Varun Sahni**
Former Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu
- Presidential Address** : **Prof. J. A.K. Tareen**
Vice Chancellor
Pondicherry University
- Vote of Thanks** : **Dr. A. Subramanyam Raju**
Associate Professor, UMISARC
Pondicherry University

Campus Visit: 12:30 -1:00 p.m

Lunch Break: 1.00 -- 2.00 p.m

Working Session – I: An Overview

2:00 – 4:00 p. m

Chair: Prof. K Warikoo

Panelists

	Paper Titles
Prof Varun Sahni	: Climate Change and Water Issues in the South Asia Region
Dr. K C Sreekumar	: Trans-Boundary River Water Sharing and Enhancement of Regional Cooperation in South Asia
Dr. Sunil Sondhi	: Water Insecurity and Weak States in South Asia
Mr. Khursheed Ahmad Wani & Ms. Shyna V V	: Water as a Pathway to Peace in South Asia
Dr. N. K. Kumaresan Raja	: Depleting Global Commons and Threat of Human Security: The Case of River Water Resource Management in South Asia with Special Reference to India

Tea Break: 4:00-4:15 pm

Visit to Auroville: 4.15 - 6:15 p.m

Dinner at 7:30 p.m

Day Two: Friday, April 20, 2012

Working Session – II: Pakistan

9:30 a. m – 11:00 a. m

Chair: Prof. P. Moorthy

Panelists

Paper Titles

Prof. K. Warikoo	: India-Pakistan Water Dispute over Sharing of Indus Waters
Dr. Sudhir Kumar Singh	: Inter Province Water Disputes in Pakistan
Mr. Khursheed Ahmad Wani	: Critical Review of Indus Water Treaty: A Current Flashpoint Between India and Pakistan
Mr. D. Sendhilkumar	: Application of Indus Water Treaty to Resolve the Afghanistan and Pakistan Kabul River Problem

Tea Break: 11:00 – 11:15 a.m

Working Session – III: Nepal & Bhutan

11:15- 1:00 p.m

Chair: Prof. Arvind Kumar

Panelists

Paper Titles

Prof. Sangeeta Thapliyal	: Trans-boundary Rivers of India and Nepal: Sharing Resource, Anxieties and Complexities
Prof. B.C. Upreti	: India- Nepal Water Resource Sharing: Issues, Problems and Common Concerns

Ms. Trishna Jaishi : Peace through Water Sharing in South Asia: A Case of Bhutan
Dr. K. Manikandan & : River Water Sharing between India and Nepal: Opportunities and
Dr. D. Purushothaman Challenges

Lunch Break 1:00- 2:00 pm

Working Session – IV: Bangladesh

2:00 - 3:30 p.m

Chair: Prof. B.C. Upreti

Panelists

Paper Titles

Dr. Sanjay Bharadwaj : Water Sharing Issues between India and Bangladesh since 1996
Mr. Abu Sala Md. Yousuf & : Bangladesh-India Water Negotiations: Political and Institutional
Dr. B.B. Biswas Challenges
Mr. Gaurav Kumar Jha : Water Sharing in South Asia: India's Emerging Challenges with
Bangladesh
Mr. Abiderda Md. Abdujjaher: The Water Sharing of the Ganga and Teesta Rivers between
Indian and Bangladesh: The West Bengal Factor

Tea Break: 3:30 – 3:45 p.m

Working Session – V: China

3:45 –5:00 p.m

Chair: Prof. Sangeeta Thapliyal

Panelists

Paper Titles

Mr Amit Ranjan : China's Threat to India's Water Security
Dr. Binoda Kumar Mishra : China Can be the Cause of South Asian Water Crisis
Prof. Arvind Kumar : Politics of Water Sharing in Regional Security in South Asia:
Bridging Differences among Nations

Day Three: Saturday, April 21, 2012

Working Session – VI: 9. 30—11. 30 a. m.

Role of Provinces, Parliament and Science & Technology

Chair: Prof. Lazarus Samraj

Panelists

Paper Titles

Dr. Tridivesh Singh Maini : Why Provinces Cannot be Ignored in Water Disputes
Dr. S. Prabhakar : Indian Parliament's Role in Sharing of River Water in South Asia
Prof. S. A. Abbasi : Conflicts Associated with Intra-national and International Water-
Sharing: Can Science be of Help?
Dr. Tasneem Abbasi : Concerns about the Adverse Impact of Damming Rivers: Is Small
Hydro an Alternative

Tea Break: 11:30 a.m – 11:45

Wrap Up Session: 12.00 -- 1.00 p. m

Chair: Prof. M. Ramadass

- Introductory Observation** : **Prof. N. K. Jha**
Director, UMISARC & Dean, School of Social Sciences &
International Studies,
Pondicherry University
- Brief Report** : **Dr. Pramod Kumar**
Assistant Professor
Dept. of Politics & International Studies,
Mr Gaurav Kumar Jha, Research Scholar, DPIS
- Valedictory Address** : **Prof K Warikoo**
Founder, Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation,
New Delhi & Professor of Central Asian Studies,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Felicitation** : **Shri S .Raghavan, IA & AS**
Finance Officer, Pondicherry University
- Presidential Address** : **Prof. M. Ramadass**
Director
Studies, Educational Innovations & Rural
Reconstruction, Pondicherry University
- Vote of Thanks** : **Dr. B. B. Biswas**
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