



**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

Prof Varun Sahni  
Dr. K C Sreekumar

Dr. Sunil Sondhi

Mr. Khursheed Ahmad Wani &  
Ms. Shyna V V

#### Paper Titles

: Climate Change and Water Issues in the South Asia Region  
: Trans-Boundary River Water Sharing and Enhancement of  
Regional Cooperation in South Asia  
: Water Insecurity and Weak States in South Asia  
: Water as a Pathway to Peace in South Asia

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

Prof. K. Warikoo  
Dr. Sudhir Kumar Singh  
Mr. Khursheed Ahmad Wani

Mr. D. Sendhilkumar

#### Paper Titles

: India-Pakistan Water Dispute over Sharing of Indus Waters  
: Inter Province Water Disputes in Pakistan  
: Critical Review Of Indus Water Treaty: A Current Flashpoint  
Between India and Pakistan  
: 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

Prof. Sangita Thapaliyal

Prof. B.C. Uperati

Ms. Trishna Jaishi

#### Paper Titles

: Trans-boundary Rivers of India and Nepal: Sharing Resource,  
Anxieties and Complexities  
: India- Nepal Water Resource Sharing: Issues, Problems and  
Common Concerns  
: 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. Uperati**

**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  
Challenges  
Mr. Gaurav Kumar Jha : Water Sharing in South Asia: India's Emerging Challenges with  
Bangladesh  
Dr. D. Purushothaman & : The Water Sharing of the Ganga and Teesta Rivers between  
Mr. Abiderda Md. Abdujaher 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. Sangita Thapaliyal**

**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

**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. D. Purushothaman**  
Assistant Professor  
UMISARC &  
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**  
Research Associate  
Southern Asia Studies Programme  
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