



**Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research**  
**Jamia Millia Islamia**

cordially invites you to the International Conference on

**The Eastern Himalaya:  
Climate Change, Livelihoods and Poverty**

on 7-8 March 2013

**Venues: FTK-CIT, Conference Hall &  
India Arab Cultural Centre, Conference Hall**

**Dr. Jairam Ramesh**

Minister for Rural Development, Govt. of India  
will deliver the key note address and

**Mr. Najeeb Jung, IAS**

Vice Chancellor

Jamia Millia Islamia, will give opening remarks

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**Registration: 09:15 am**

Please be seated by 9.40 am and kindly keep mobile phones on silent

**Opening Session:** 09:45 am - 11:00am  
at the FTK-CIT, Conference Hall

**Chair:** Prof Sanjoy Hazarika, Director  
Centre for North East Studies and Policy  
Research, Jamia Millia Islamia

**Opening Remarks:** Mr. Najeeb Jung,  
IAS, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia

**Keynote Address:** Dr. Jairam Ramesh,  
Minister for Rural Development, Govt.  
Of India

**Address:** Mr. Shekhar Pathak, Ecologist  
and Founder, Peoples Association for  
Himalaya Area Research (PAHAR)

**Address:** Mr. PD Rai, Member of  
Parliament, Lok Sabha, Sikkim

**Closing remarks:** Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika

**Tea**

**Move to India Arab Cultural Centre,  
Conference Hall (approx 250 metres)**

**Day I**  
7 March 2013

**First Session:** 11:30 am-1:00 pm at the  
India-Arab Cultural Centre, Conference  
Hall

## **The Eastern Himalaya: Climate Change, Resources and Politics**

**Chair:** Prof. Chandan Mahanta, IIT  
Guwahati

**Mr. RR Rashmi,** Joint Secretary  
Ministry of Environment and Forest,  
Govt. of India

**Vulnerability to Climate Change:  
Perspectives from Bangladesh**

**Dr. AKM Nazrul Islam,** Associate  
Professor  
Dhaka School of Economics (DScE)  
University of Dhaka

**Managing Climate Variability:  
Perspectives from a Participatory  
Assessment of Adaptive Capacities of  
Mountain Communities in the Hindu-  
Kush Himalaya**

**Dr. Dhruvad Choudhury,** Programme  
Manager, Initiative Coordinator  
Adaptation to Change & ICIMOD,  
Katmandu

**Resilience in Times of Surprises:  
Insights from the Case of Extreme Crop  
Area Damage in Upper Brahmaputra  
Valley**

**Navarun Varma**

Research Associate  
Centre for Global Environment Research  
Earth Science and Climate Change  
Division, The Energy and Resources  
Institute (TERI)

**Climate Patterns, Glacier Dynamics and  
River Flows in Central Himalaya**

**Er. Kireet Kumar, Scientist F**

GB Pant Institute of Himalayan  
Environment and Development  
Almora, Uttarkhand

**Effects of Climate Change on the  
Ground**

**Mr. Joydeep Gupta**

Director  
Third Pole.net

**Discussions**

**Lunch**

**Second Session:** 2:00 pm-3:45 pm

**Impact of Climate Change on the  
North East**

**Chair:** Mr. Kanak Mani Dixit, Founder-  
Editor, Himal Southasian, Kathmandu

**Climate Change and the Brahmaputra  
Valley**

**Mr. Brian Orland**

Fulbright Nehru Fellow



## **The River Brahmaputra Within Upper Assam: The Story Continues...**

**Dr. Sanchita Boruah**

Associate Professor  
DHSK College Dibrugarh

## **Vulnerability and adaptation to climate change in the North-East**

**Dr. Ruth Kattumuri**

Co-Director  
Asia Research Centre and the India  
Observatory  
London School of Economics (LSE)

## **Climate Change Mitigation and Its Impact: A Study of Jathropa Expansion in the North East**

**Dr. Ramananda Wangkhierakpam**

Citizen Concern for Dams and  
Development Manipur

## **When Wild Plants Became Domestic: Environmental Odyssey of Tea Plantations in Assam**

**Dr. Arupjyoti Saikia**

Associate Professor  
IIT, Guwahati

## **Health Impacts on Vulnerable Populations**

**Mr. Manik Boruah & Dr. Sandeep Dey**

Centre for NE Studies and Policy  
Research, Guwahati

## **Discussions**

### **Tea**

**Third Session:** 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

## **Coping with Climate Change: Bhutan's Story**

### **Special Session**

**Chair:** Dr. Vincent Darlong, Country  
Programme Officer, International Fund  
for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Presentation by **Dr. Lungten Norbu**  
Research Specialist on Forest Resource

Management and **Mr. Pema Thinley**,  
Planning in Environmental Policy and  
Sustainable Development, Ministry of  
Agriculture and Forests, Bhutan

### **Fourth Annual Saifuddin Kitchlew**

**Lecture by Dr. Surin Pitsuwan**, Former  
Secretary General, ASEAN

**Venue:** FTK-CIT, Conference Hall, Jamia  
Millia Islamia

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

## **Day II**

**8 March 2013**

**International Women's Day**

**Fourth Session 09:30 am – 10:30 am**

## **Reflections on Water and Resources: Gender, Images and the Written Word**

**Chair:** Mr. Pradip Phanjoubam, Founder  
Editor, Imphal Free Press Manipur

**The Politics of Gender and Resource  
Management in the Eastern Himalaya**

**Dr. Sumi Krishna**

Scholar and author

**Dissent in Wounded Geographies: The  
Politics of Robin S. Ngangom**

**Ms. Preetika Venkatakrishnan**

Research Scholar, Madras University

**Understanding Gender and Natural  
Resources Conflict through Assamese  
Literary Text 'Felanee'**

**Dr. Sanghamitra Choudhury**

Assistant Professor, Sikkim University

## **Discussions**

**Fifth Session 10:30 am – 11:30 am**

## **Special Session on Sikkim: Coping with Climate Change**

**Moderator:** Dr. Satyadeep Singh  
Chhetri, Ecotourism & Conservation  
Society of Sikkim (ECOSS)

### **Climate Change in Sikkim a Synthesis and perceptions Case Study in Lachen Valley**

**Mr. Tenzing Ingty &  
Dr. Kamaljit S. Bawa**  
ATREE

### **Climate Change and Its Impact on Traditional Agricultural Practices – The Sikkim Experience**

**Dr. Ruma Kundu**  
Assistant Professor, Sikkim University

### **Concerted and Collective Adaptive Response to Climate Change in Sikkim: A brief Preview**

**Mr. Rajendra P Gurung &  
Dr. Satyadeep Singh Chhetri**  
ECOSS

### **DST, Sikkim: Initiatives on Climate Change and Its Adaptation**

**Mr. Dhiren Shrestha**  
Additional Director, Sikkim State Council of Science and Technology

Tea

**Sixth Session 11:45 pm – 01:15 pm**

### **When the Waters Rise and the Land Fails**

**Chair: Mr. Ramaswamy Iyer**, Honorary Professor, CPR

### **Climate Change in Indonesia**

**Dr. Reshmi Banerjee**  
Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies, New Delhi

### **Vanishing Islands, Emerging Threats**

**Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed**  
Professor of International Relations Director, Centre for Genocide Studies University of Dhaka

### **Enabling Poor Rural People to Overcome Poverty: IFAD in the Eastern Himalayas**

**Dr. Vincent Darlong**  
Country Programme Officer IFAD, New Delhi

### **A Multi-stakeholder Approach for Research and Consensus Building Across Waterscapes: The Bangladesh-India Initiative**

**Ms. Archana Chatterjee**  
Project Manager, Ecosystems for Life International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

### **Implications of Climate Change on the Wildlife of Eastern Himalayas**

**Dr. Nandita Hazarika**  
Coordinator, Natural Resources Ecosystem-India, Guwahati

### **Demographic Compulsions, Failing Livelihoods**

**Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika**  
Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, JMI

Discussions

Lunch

**Final Session: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Chair: Prof. Savyasaachi**, Head, Dept. of Sociology, JMI

### **Breakout Sessions on**

- 'Failing livelihoods: Climate Change, Growth and Poverty': facilitator **Dr. Satyadeep Singh Chhetri**
- 'Poverty and Climate Change in Eastern Himalaya': facilitator **Ms. Sushmita Mandal**, Dialogue Coordinator, IUCN, India
- 'Media and Climate Change Issues': facilitator **Mr. Pradip Phanjoubam**
- 'The Possibility of Growth': facilitator **Dr. Arupjyoti Saikia**

### **Reporting back, Findings, Recommendations**

**Closing Remarks:** Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika

Tea

**Cultural Evening**  
Safdar Hashmi Amphitheatre

**5:30 pm 7:15 pm**