

Agenda

International Conference on
'The Eastern Himalaya: Climate Change, Livelihoods and Poverty'
7-8 March 2013

Organized by
Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research
Jamia Millia Islamia

Registration: 09:30 am

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, JMI

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

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

Vulnerability to Climate Change:
Perspectives from Bangladesh

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

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

Mr. Kanak Mani Dixit
Founder-Editor
Himal South Asia, Kathmandu

Er. Kireet Kumar, Scientist F
GB Pant Institute of Himalayan
Environment and Development
Almora Uttarkhand

Climate Patterns, Glacier Dynamics and
River Flows in Central Himalaya

Mr. Joydeep Gupta
Director
Third Pole.net

Effects of Climate Change on the Ground

Discussions

Lunch

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

'Impact of Climate Change on the North East'

Chair: Mr. Kanak Mani Dixit

Mr. Brian Orland
Fulbright Nehru Fellow

Climate Change and the Brahmaputra Valley

Dr. Sanchita Boruah
Associate Professor
DHSK College Dibrugarh

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

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

Vulnerability and adaptation to climate change
in the North-East

Dr. Ramananda Wangkhierakpam
Citizen Concern for Dams
and Development Manipur

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

Dr. Arupjyoti Saikia
Associate Professor
IIT, Guwahati

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

Mr. Manik Boruah & Dr. Sandeep Dey
Centre for NE Studies and Policy
Research, Guwahati

Health Impacts on vulnerable
populations

Discussions

Tea

Fourth Annual Saifuddin Kitchlew Lecture

FTK-CIT

Conference Hall

Jamia Millia Islamia

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Chair	Mr. Wajahat Habibullah, IAS (Retd), Chairman, National Minorities Commission
Introduction	Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika
Opening Remarks	Mr. Najeeb Jung, IAS, Vice Chancellor
Lecture	Building a New Asia: India, China and ASEAN Dr. Surin Pitsuwan Former Secretary General, ASEAN
Closing Remarks	Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika
	High Tea
8 pm	Vice Chancellor's Dinner for delegates Venue: India International Centre

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**

**Dr. Sumi Krishna
Scholar and author** **The Politics of Gender and Resource Management in
the Eastern Himalaya**

**Ms. Preetika Venkatakrisnan
Research Scholar
Madras University** **Dissent in Wounded Geographies: The Politics
of Robin S. Ngangom**

**Dr. Sanghamitra Choudhury
Assistant Professor
Sikkim University** **Understanding Gender and Natural Resources
Conflict through Assamese Literary Text '*Felanee*'**

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)

**Mr. Tenzing Ingty &
Dr. Kamaljit S. Bawa
ATREE** **Climate Change in Sikkim a Synthesis and
perceptions Case Study in Lachen Valley**

**Dr. Ruma Kundu
Assistant Professor
Sikkim University** **Climate Change and Its Impact on
Traditional Agricultural Practices – The Sikkim
Experience**

**Mr. Rajendra P Gurung &
Dr. Satyadeep Singh Chhetri** **Concerted and Collective Adaptive Response to
Climate Change in Sikkim: A brief Preview**

**Mr. Dhiren Shrestha
Additional Director
Sikkim State Council of Science
and Technology** **DST, Sikkim: Initiatives on Climate Change and
Its Adaptation**

Tea Break

Sixth Session 11:45 pm – 01:15 pm
‘When the Waters Rise and the Land Fails’
Chair: Mr. Ramaswamy Iyer, Honorary Professor, CPR

Dr. Reshmi Banerjee Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies New Delhi	Climate Change in Indonesia
Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed Dhaka University	Vanishing Islands, Emerging Threats
Dr. Vincent Darlong Country Programme Officer IFAD New Delhi	Enabling Poor Rural People to Overcome Poverty: IFAD in the Eastern Himalayas
Ms. Archana Chatterjee Project Manager Ecosystems for Life International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	A Multi-stakeholder Approach for Research and Consensus Building Across Waterscapes: The Bangladesh-India Initiative
Dr. Nandita Hazarika Coordinator Natural Resources Ecosystem-India, Guwahati	Implications of Climate Change on the Wildlife of Eastern Himalayas
Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, JMI	Demographic Compulsions, Failing Livelihoods

Discussions

Final Session 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Chair: Prof. Savyasaachi, Head, Dept. of Sociology, JMI

Breakout Sessions on

- a. **‘Failing livelihoods: Climate Change, Growth and Poverty’**: facilitator Dr. Satyadeep Singh Chhetri
- b. **‘Poverty and Climate Change in Eastern Himalaya’** Ms. Sushmita Mandal
- c. **‘Media and Climate Change Issues’**: Mr. Pradip Phanjoubam
- d. **‘The Possibility of Growth’**: Dr. Arupjyoti Saikia

Reporting back, Findings, Recommendations

Closing Remarks: Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika

Tea

Cultural Evening
Safdar Hashmi Open Air Amphitheatre

5:30 pm 7:15 pm

Introduction:

Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika

Chief Guest:

Dr. MM Pallam Raju, Minister, HRD, GOI*

Guests of Honour:

Mr. Najeeb Jung

Dr. Surin Pitsuwan

Mr. PD Rai

5:35 pm – 05:50 pm

Patronymic Rock from Jamia

5:50 pm – 6:00 pm

Raslila (Manipuri Classical Dance)

6:00 pm – 6:20 pm

Urban Inc. Hip-hop from Sikkim

6:25 pm – 7:00 pm

Alobo Naga-Rock from Nagaland

7:00 pm - 7:15 pm

**Brahmaputra Bihu Group
Bihu Dance from Assam**

7:15 pm

**Vote of Thanks by Mr. K Kokho, Asst. Prof,
CNESPR, Jamia**