



## International Seminar

on

### *Internal Changes in South Asia: Challenges and Opportunities*

Centre for International Relations  
School of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi

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April 20-21, 2017



### Programme

**Day One: Thursday, April 20, 2017**

**Inaugural Session: 10.00-11.00 am**

**Registration : 9.00 – 9:45 am**

### PROGRAMME

❖ **Invocation**

- ❖ **Opening Remarks** : **Dr. BIBHUTI BHUSAN BISWAS**  
Assistant Professor, Centre for International Relations,  
Central University of Jharkhand
- ❖ **Welcome Address** : **Dr. RABINDRANATH SARMA**  
Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Central  
University of Jharkhand
- ❖ **Inaugural Address** : **Ambassador NAGENDRA NATH JHA, IFS (Retd.)**  
Former Diplomat & Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and  
Nicobar Islands and Pondicherry, Government of India
- ❖ **Keynote Address** : **Ambassador ASHOK SAJJANHAR, IFS (Retd.)**  
President, Institute of Global Studies, Former Ambassador of  
India to Kazakhstan, Sweden and Latvia, Former  
Secretary/Principal Executive Officer, National Foundation  
for Communal Harmony, Government of India
- ❖ **Presidential Address** : **Professor NAND KUMAR YADAV 'INDU'**  
Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi,  
Jharkhand
- ❖ **Vote of Thanks** : **Dr. RANVIJAY**  
Coordinator & Assistant Professor, Centre for International  
Relations, Central University of Jharkhand

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**Tea Break: 11:00 – 11:15 am**

## **Working Session – I: An Overview**

**11:15-12:30 PM**

**Chair: Prof. Raj Kumar Kothari**

### **Panelists**

### **Paper Titles**

Dr. Shibashis Chatterjee	Power, commerce and community: India's Spatial Imagination/s of South Asia
Mr. Rahul Kumar & Ms. Anju Kumari Mr. Vijay Kumar	Analyzing Modi's Neighbourhood Policy
Ms. Neha Kumari Murai	A Study on India's Foreign Policy and the Emergence of a Modi Doctrine
Ms. Mahvish Rahman	Medical Tourism in India: Opportunities and Challenges
Dr. Abhay Kumar	Mapping India's Culture as a Strategic Instrument of Neighbouring Policy
Mr. Imamul Haque Shamim	Emerging Trends in Indo-Japan Strategic Cooperation and Ramifications for India's Engagements in South Asia
	Role of Media in India-Bangladesh Relations

## **Working Session – II: Bangladesh & Myanmar**

**12:30-2:00 PM**

**Chair: Prof. Shibashis Chatterjee**

### **Panelists**

### **Paper Titles**

Mr. Abu Salah Md. Yousuf	Regional Counterterrorism Strategy: A Focus on South Asia
Prof. Kaberi Chakrabarti	Experimenting with Democratic Governance: Critical reflections on India and Bangladesh
Dr. Syed Ali Mujtaba Dr. Alok Kumar Gupta	India-Myanmar Trade Relations: An Overview
Prof. Raj Kumar Kothari	Indo-Bangladesh Relations: Challenges and Opportunities in the Backdrop of Contemporary Geopolitics of the Region
Dr. Bibhuti Bhusan Biswas Ms. Hasnahana Handique Dr. Sabari Bandyopadhyay	The Trajectory of Russia's South Asia Policy: Emerging Scenario
	Modi's Policy towards Bangladesh: An Analysis
	Bangladesh and the Migration Problem in Assam
	Migration from Other Countries to the Seven Sister States of North Eastern Region of India: Trend and Consequences

**Lunch Break: 2:00-3:00 pm**

## **Working Session – III: Pakistan**

**03:00-05:00 pm**

**Chair: Prof. Kaberi Chakrabarti**

### **Panelists**

### **Paper Titles**

Dr. Sudhir Singh	Indo-Pak Relations: Challenges for Modi Government
Dr. Binoda Kumar Mishra	Negotiating the South Asian Structure: An overlooked Impediment for India's Neighbourhood Policy
Ms. Ambreen Gul	Radical Islamism in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) of Pakistan: Analysing Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP)
Ms. Amina Bibi	The Growth of Religious Fundamentalism in Pakistan and Its Impact on the Neighbouring Countries
Mr. Dileep Kumar	It's war and not terrorism: Need for strategic shift in India's Policy towards Pakistan
Mr. Manzoor Ahmad Bhat	Pakistan's Tryst with Authoritarianism and Sour India-Pakistan Relations

## **Day Two: Friday, April 21, 2017**

## **Working Session – IV: China and Extra Regional Powers**

**9:30 – 11:00 AM**

**Chair: Dr. Binoda Kumar Mishra**

### **Panelists**

### **Paper Titles**

Prof. B K Sinha & Ms. Sadhana Singh Dr. Parshuram Sial	China: Competitor or Partner
Dr. Bhartendu Kumar Singh	China-Pakistan Economic Corridor: It's Implication on India
Dr. Progya Ghatak Ms. Divya Mishra Oinam Ghanashyam Khumancha Dr. Amit Singh Dr. Pravin Kumar Singh	Chinese Military Modernization and India's Preparedness
Dr. Konchok Tashi	Paradigm Shift in India's Cultural Diplomacy
Mr. Ravi Ashok Thorat	Experimenting Soft Power with a Difficult Neighbour
	Indo-Sino relation should be Strategic Partners
	Myanmar's SAARC Aspiration and India
	India's Foreign Policy in the New Millennium: The South Asia Perspective
	His Holiness the Dalai Lama's visit to Tawang: An Overview of India-China Relations
	Sino-Indian Relations in the 21st Century: Competition or Cooperation?

**Tea Break: 11:00 – 11:15 am**

## **Working Session – V: Afghanistan & Maldives**

**11:15- 1:00 pm**

**Chair: Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar**

### **Panelists**

Dr. Nihar Ranjan Das  
Dr. Sujit Kumar Choudhary  
Dr. Kanhaiya Lal  
Dr. Aparna  
Dr. Saumya Maniny Sinha  
Ms. Vandana Mishra  
Ms. Savitri Kumari  
Mr. Mohammed Ashraf Bhat

### **Paper Titles**

Afghanistan: Stability and the Impact of Peace Process on South Asia  
Educational Cooperation among SAARC Countries  
Neighbourhood Policy of the Modi Government  
Maldives in India's Strategic Trajectory  
Afghanistan: Prisoners of past or Pioneers of a New Destiny  
Climate Change and Threat Perceptions for Maldives: Imperatives for Interventions  
Maldives: The Dawn of Democracy and Copping with Environmental Challenges  
India in Afghanistan: Continuity, Change or Rupture

**Lunch Break 1:00- 2:00 pm**

## **Working Session – VI: Nepal and Bhutan**

**2:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Chair: Prof. B. K. Sinha**

### **Panelists**

Prof. C.P. Singh  
Dr. Pranav Kumar  
Dr. Ranvijay  
Mr. Mahesh Bhatta  
Dr. Nandini Basistha  
Mr. Kartic Bera & Mr. Kiran Jalem  
Ms. Reena Bharti  
Mr. Sandip Javir  
Mr. Rishi Gupta  
Mr. Chandrakant Kumar Singh

### **Paper Titles**

Madhesi Movement in Nepal: Implications for Indo-Nepal  
Prospects of South Asian Regional Hydrocarbon Security Complex & India  
India Bhutan Relations: Continuity or Change?  
Indo-Nepal Relation: Quest of Political Ties  
Northeast and Act East: An Overview  
Geospatial study on River course shifting of the Ganges and its impact in Indian neighboring countries, Nepal & Bangladesh - A case study in blocks I & II of Raghunathganj and Lagola block of Murshidabad district, West Bengal, India  
Rebuilding Old Linkages of India and Nepal  
Exploring Dynamic Relation of India's Energy Diplomacy and Bhutan's Hydroelectricity Potential  
Modi's Nepal Policy: Challenges and Road Ahead  
Geopolitical Importance of Nepal in South Asia: An Indo-Centric Perspective

**Tea Break 4:00- 4:15 pm**

**Valedictory Programme**  
**4:15 – 5:00 pm**

**PROGRAMME**

**Chair: Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar**

- ❖ Summing Up : **Dr. RANVIJAY**  
Coordinator, Centre for International Relations,  
School of Humanities and Social Sciences,  
Central University of Jharkhand
- ❖ Valedictory Address : **Mr. P P SHARMA, IAS (Retd.)**  
Ex-Chief Secretary  
Government of Jharkhand  
Advocate, High Court, Jharkhand and  
Supreme Court of India  
Ranchi, Jharkhand
- ❖ Vote of Thanks : **Dr. BIBHUTI BHUSAN BISWAS**  
Convener of the Seminar & Assistant Professor,  
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