

**NATIONAL SEMINAR
ON
GEOPOLITICS AND SIGNIFICANCE OF WATER RESOURCES OF ARUNACHAL
PRADESH: SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE SIANG RIVER
25-26TH AUGUST, 2020**

**ORGANIZED BY
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, JAWAHARLAL NEHRU COLLEGE, PASIGHAT
IN COLLABORATION WITH MAN AND ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY (MENS), ITANAGAR**

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU COLLEGE PASIGHAT (JNC): Established in 1964, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat, is the oldest and the most sought after institution of higher learning in Arunachal Pradesh. Situated at a distance of 3 km from Pasighat town, the college has 14 Departments under Humanities, Science and Commerce. It has teaching strength of 71 faculty members and more than 4000 students. The college is also endowed with Post Graduate Programmes in Geography, History and Hindi.

MAN AND ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY (MENS): Man and Environment Society (MENS) is the representative body of the professional geographer, zoologist, economist, sociologist and anthropologist in Arunachal Pradesh. Founded in 2009, its head office N K Halls, near Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono-Hills, Arunachal Pradesh. MENS's primary role is to create environment awareness to the mass and promote scientific research and documentation on Himalayan environment and society.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR:

Arunachal Pradesh, on the North-eastern tip of India is a land of pristine beauty, abundant with water and forest resources. Some of the well known rivers are Siang, Subansiri, Kameng, Lohit, Tirap, Dibang etc. Of all the rivers, the Siang is the biggest river with its source from the Tibet. It has many forenames called Tsangpo in Tibet, Siang in Arunachal Pradesh, Brahmaputra in Assam, Jamuna in Bangladesh. The river is entering Indian Territory at Gelling near Indo-Tibetan border in Upper Siang District. It is the largest river system in Arunachal and in entire north-east India. The total length of the Siang River in Arunachal Pradesh is about 200 km from

Gelling to bordering with Assam. Passing through the middle of the state and the river is draining: Siang, Upper Siang and East Siang districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

Since many years rumors are spreading the diversion of Siang River by the Chinese Government. It has been experienced during 2019, which the crystal blue clear Siang River turned into unnaturally muddy, distrust it to China plan of diversion in Yunan Province via 1,000 km tunnel. Exploitation or possibly diversion of upper reaches is a great concern for all downstream inhabitants, natural environments and creates ecological imbalance. Siang River and its tributaries have great potential for utilization of water resources for the state as well as nation. Being the principal river of the state, it can contribute the various energy needs. It has the capacity to play a significant role in socio-economic progress in various ways if it is used with proper approach. Keeping in the increasing needs of contemporary power supply and modern agricultural practices etc. it is necessary to understand and adapt plan to meet the rising demands. However, this huge natural water resource is unused for generation.

Keeping the above views in mind the Department of Geography, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat in collaboration with Man and Environment Society (MENS), Itanagar proposed to organize Two Days National Seminar on the theme entitled : “**Geopolitics and Significance of Water Resources of Arunachal Pradesh: Special Reference the Siang River**” on 25th and 26th August 2020. The Seminar attempts to give platform to academicians, activists, experts’ etc their perception and understanding of the geopolitical importance of water resources and to understand the future international water dispute implications with the neighboring countries.

THEMES:

- Geopolitical significance of the Siang River.
- Social, economic and cultural significance of water resources.
- Biological diversity and importance of water resources.
- Traditional patterns of water utilization.
- Problems and prospect of the hydro project in the Siang.
- Conservation and harvesting strategies for sustainability of water resources.
- Impact of natural, anthropogenic and climate change on water resources.
- Cultural ecology of the Siang River.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Papers are invited from the academicians, practitioners, researchers, scholars’ activists, and students on the issue relevant to the themes. Interested participants need to submit an abstract (300-500 words) on any of the relevant topic or the theme listed. The papers shall be submitted in Times New Roman, font 12, and space 1.5. The abstract should have the title, name of the paper presenter, designation, institutional affiliation, email ID and keywords (not more than 5). The paper should be sent to (**mensarunachal2009@gmail.com**). The review committee of the seminar will review the abstract and notify the authors who must then submit the full length paper as per the dates indicated below. Select papers from the Seminar will be published in the form of edited volume/book.

TENTATIVE DATES:

- Last date of abstracts submission: 24th July, 2020
- Confirmation regarding acceptance of abstracts: 27th July, 2020
- Last date of submission of full paper: 5nd August 2020
- Date of seminar presentation: 25-26th August, 2020

HOW TO REACH TO J.N. COLLEGE (PASIGHAT):

The venue is situated at a distance of 3 km from Pasighat town. Pasighat is well connected with Guwahati and Dibrugarh. Kamakhya Railway station is 16 km from Guwahati Airport. Kamakhya-Murkong Selek Intercity Express departs at 6:10 PM and reaches Murkong Selek at 6:30 AM next day. The organizing committee will provide transport facility from Murkong Selek to Pasighat via Ruksin Check Gate (about half an hour journey). Night Super Buses are also available from Guwahati to Pasighat. Dibrugarh Airport to Pasighat is about 3 hour's journey by taxi.

NOTE:

- To enter the territory of Arunachal Pradesh the Inner Line Permit is a must. The ILP for all the outside participants will be arranged by the organizing committee.
- There is No registration fee for this seminar.

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