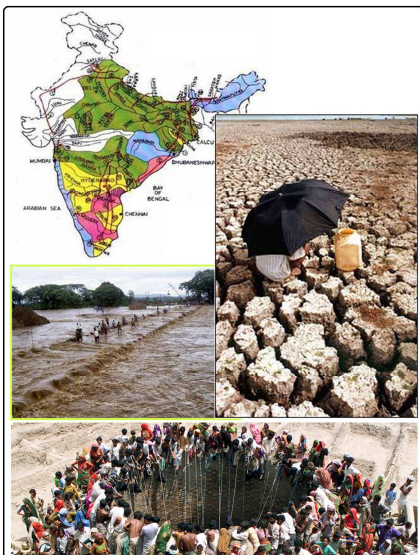


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The longstanding mega plan, "River-linking project" (RLP), proposes to link 14 Himalayan rivers in the north and 16 peninsular rivers in the south. The benefits of such a scheme are obvious - it would add 35-37 million hectares of irrigated land generate 34,000 million kilowatts of electricity and increase navigational efficiency apart from controlling floods and eliminating chances of drought.

The inter-linking of rivers (ILR) was touted as one of the flagship programmes by then NDA Government; and Shri. Suresh Prabhu, then Union Minister was the architect of the programme.

However, in view of the recent Supreme Court order of 27 February 2012, asking the government to "implement" the interlinking of rivers, the present Seminar invites the stake holders and policy makers to examine the feasibility studies based upon existing reports and future plans. In fact, none of the water balance studies or pre-feasibility studies are in the public domain.

ILR is one of the most ambitious projects ever proposed to address the issues of water scarcity and conflicts in India. The purpose is to find a permanent solution to droughts and floods, to generate additional water for agriculture, and also to increase India's hydropower capacity. Obviously the ILR has triggered many thoughts among people and there are schools of thoughts For and Against the proposed project. The present Seminar will provide a platform to assess the same.

Research Papers Invited

Researchers, Scientists, Engineers, Educationists, Policy Makers, Administrators, NGO's working or planning on this theme are requested to attend the Seminar and also to contribute research papers or articles, which will be published as a special volume and made available during the Seminar or soon after the Seminar is over.

The authors are requested to submit an abstract of the paper along with the Registration form before **31 July 2013**. The full manuscripts of the selected papers need to be submitted on or before **31 August 2013**.

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Objectives

The aim of the Seminar is to Identify and examine issues like possible damage to the environment, geomorphic setup, flora-fauna, human rehabilitation, financial burden, etc. Also to evaluate scientific areas connected to Inter Linking of Rivers (including surface and groundwater distribution and management). And, in the end, to prepare a document that can be useful to the stake holders and policy makers in designing dependable river linking projects and development plans.

The Sub-themes to be dealt in the Seminar are :

- Proposed plan, its positive and negative aspects.
- Geology, Geomorphology and Climate aspects.
- Impact on the flora, fauna; water and energy.
- Socio-Economic Impact.

GSS College and Belgaum

Govindram Seksaria Science (GSS) Degree College is a premier institution providing quality education in this part of the country. It is a re-accredited by NAAC with A grade (3.10 CGPA) and is also a College with Potential for Excellence. It is run by South Konkan Education Society (Estd. 1948), under the supervision of a progressive management. It has a beautiful campus with well equipped laboratories, departmental museums, well qualified and dedicated staff. The library is known to have the largest collection of books in north Karnataka.

The Department of Geology is one of the oldest departments and is well known for its academic excellence in this part of the country. The alumni of the department are spread all over India. The department is active in Coastal Research of Uttara Kannada and Southern Maharashtra Coast; through major research projects funded by DST, UGC & MoES; and have contributed many national & International publications.

The climate of Belgaum is pleasant during September and the temperature is likely to be around 20-25°C and slightly rainy.

Financial Support to Young Researchers

Depending upon the availability of the funds will be conveyed separately to the members who request financial support to attend the Seminar.

Local Hospitality and Travel

The registration fee covers the Seminar kit that includes abstract volume, writing pad, pen and Seminar details.

Availability of accommodation in the campus is limited and can be made only for young researchers on a nominal payment. Good, reasonably priced hotels and lodges are available with tariff ranging between Rs.400-1500, which can be booked on request and advance payment. Belgaum is well connected by air, rail and road. Air travel facilities are available up to Hubli, Goa and Kolhapur. Belgaum is approximately 150 km from Panjim, Goa, and 100 km from Hubli.

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Space for exhibition of scientific items, equipments will be provided with prior intimation.

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