

Day-2, 14-02-2020

10.00 am to 11.30 am

Third Plenary-Security Concerns

Chair. Dr Geeta Kochar

Presentation

Major General Vinaya Chandran (Rtd)

Former Director Military Operations , Former Inspector General, Assam Rifles

Dr MayilVaganan

Associate Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore

11.30 am-1.00 pm Parallel session

Technical Session-2, Hindi Seminar Hall

11.30 am-1.00 pm

Fourth Plenary Session-BRI Global Concerns

Chair- Dr MayilVaganan

Presentation

Dr Josukutty CA

(Associate Professor, Dept of Political Science, Kerala University)

Dr Nanda Kishore

(Department of Geopolitics and International Relations Manipal University)

Dr Anilkumar

Department of Political Science, Govt College Chalakkudy

2.00 pm-4.00 pm Technical Session-3 Hindi seminar Hall

4.00 pm-4.30 pm Valedictory session



Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

Institute of Asian Studies Calcutta

(Ministry of Culture, Government of India)

In Association with

**Department of Political Science,
Government Brennen College**

Thalassery, Kerala

Organises



**Two Day National Seminar on
CHINA'S ONE BELT ONE ROAD INITIATIVE AND ITS IMPACTS
ON INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY**

13 & 14 February 2020



At

Government Brennen College Thalassery

Venue - New Seminar Hall

Time 10.00 am

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Dear Sir/Madam

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Calcutta in association with the Department of Political Science, Government Brennen College Thalassery, Kerala organizes a national seminar on the topic: China's One Belt One Road Initiative and Its Impacts on India's Foreign Policy. The seminar is scheduled on 13&14 February 2020.

The One Belt One Road Initiative (OBOR) is a development project initiated by the Chinese government in 2013. OBOR is supposed to be completed by the year 2049. It is assumed that the Belt and Road Initiative is one of the largest infrastructure and investment projects in history and covers 65% of the global population at an estimated 4-8 trillion US Dollars cost. China has signed cooperational document on the OBOR initiative with 126 countries and 29 international organisations. The project is supposed to pave way for a unified global market and enhanced cultural exchange and integration.



The OBOR initiative is generally understood as a Chinese attempt to establish dominance in global and regional affairs. Many circles expressed concern over the project being a form of neocolonialism and they charge China with practice of debt trap diplomacy to fund the projects. In this regard the Indian government is very suspicious of Chinese intentions. India and China are in a tight competition for global economic leadership and regional hegemony. However the OBOR project pulls long shadows over the Indian hopes. China has engaged in an 'encircling India' project by extending various projects India's neighborhood. The 'China-Pakistan Economic Corridor' (CPEC)

project ignores Indian concerns on sovereignty and territorial integrity. The increasing Chinese presence in Pakistan and South China sea is of serious concern to India. In this context the Indian foreign policy should be more pragmatic and has to find out alternatives to counter Chinese strategy. The proposed seminar aims to debate on the possibilities of a grand strategy to be followed by India so as to smoothen the Indian trajectory to a superpower.



Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies and the Department of Political Science invite you to enrich the seminar with your valuable inputs on the issues.

Dr. M Muralidharan Nair
Principal

Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh
Director, MAKAIAS Calcutta

Dr. Sabu Thomas
Seminar Co ordinator

Biju PR
HoD

Sini PK
(Seminar Convenor)
Assistant Professor in Political Science

PROGRAMME

13-02-2020, 10.00 am

Welcome address - **Dr Sabu Thomas**
(Seminar Coordinator)

Presidential Address-**Dr Muralidharan Nair**
(Principal)

INAUGURATION

Prof (Dr) G Gopakumar

Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kerala

Key Note Address

Commodore RS Vassan

(Regional Director, National Maritime Foundation, Chennai)

Special address- **Dr MS John**

(Head, Department of International Relations and Politics,
Central University of Kerala)

Special address- **Dr Sudhir Singh**

(Delhi University, Member, NAAC Peer Team)

Vote of Thanks - **Biju PR**

(Head of the Department)

12.00 am-1.00 pm

First Plenary BRI-Principles and Concerns

Chair-Commodore Vassan

Presentations

Dr Geeta Kochhar

(JNU, New Delhi, Visiting Professor Institute of Indian and South West Asian
Studies, Hanoi, Vietnam)

Dr Prabhakaran Paleri

(Former Director General, Indian Coast Guards)

12.00 am-1.00 pm

Parallel Session-1 Mini Auditorium

2.00 pm-4.00 pm

Second Plenary BRI and India

Chair-Dr Sudhir Singh

Presentations

Dr Suresh R

Director VK Krishnan Menon International Centre for Kerala Studies Trivandrum

Dr Uma Purushothaman

(Assistant Professor in International Relations and Politics,
Central University of Kerala)