Day-2, 14-02-2020

10.00 am to 11.30 am
Third Plenary-Security Concerns
Chair. Dr Geeta Kochhar

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

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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
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 4-6 trillion US dollars cost. China has signed cooperation documents on the OBOR initiative with 126 countries and 29 international organizations. The project is supposed to pave the 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. Sabu Thomas
Senior Co ordinator

Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh
Director, MAKAJAS Calcutta

HoD
(Seminar Convener)

Dr. PMK
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)