

## TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

SEMINAR ON ISSUES IN EXPLOITING HYDRO POWER IN INDIA  
September 21, 2010, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, 10 am- 6 pm

Inaugural Session		<p><b>Introductory Remarks by the Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shri Surendra Singh</b>, Former Cabinet Secretary, Government of India</li> </ul> <p><b>Inaugural Address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shri B. K Chaturvedi*</b>, Member, Planning Commission</li> </ul>
Session-I	<p><b>Industry/Government</b></p> <p><b>Activist</b></p>	<p><b>Role of Hydro in India's Scenario</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Shankar Sharma</b>, Consultant, Electricity Industry <i>Issues in Hydro Power in the backdrop of the Integrated Energy Policy</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Girish Sant*</b>, Founder, Prayas Energy Group <i>DSM and hydropower-two routes to energy security</i></li> </ul>
Session-II	<p><b>Industry/Government</b></p> <p><b>Activist</b></p>	<p><b>Costs and Benefits of Hydro</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Devendra Pandey*</b>, Former Dir. General, Forest Survey of India <i>Difficulties in assessing true costs of hydropower and the immediate compulsions for tapping the same</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Bharat Jhunjhunwala</b>, Former Faculty, IIMB &amp; Consultant, ODI <i>Environmental impacts of harnessing river water for hydropower generation</i></li> </ul>
Post Lunch Sessions	<b>Chair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shri Rakesh Nath*</b>, President, INCOLD &amp; former Chairman, CEA</li> </ul>
Session-III	<p><b>Industry/Government</b></p> <p><b>Activist</b></p>	<p><b>Global Warming, Environment and Hydro</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Pradeep Dadhich*</b>, TERI <i>Hydropower helps reduce carbon emissions-a pressing global necessity</i></li> <li>• <b>Mr. Himanshu Thakkar</b>, Coordinator, Centre for Water Policy &amp; Editor, Dams Rivers and People <i>Developed countries saving their rivers and asking developing countries to destroy their rivers</i></li> </ul>
Session-IV	<p><b>Industry/Government</b></p> <p><b>Activist</b></p>	<p><b>Water Quality, Cultural and Social Aspects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. T.K. Ghosh</b>, NEERI <i>No evidence of negative impact of hydro projects on water quality</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. G.D. Agarwal*/ Shri Swami Chinmayananda*</b>, Former Union Minister <i>Evidence of negative impact of hydro projects on water quality</i></li> </ul>

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