

International Seminar on “India -South Asia South East Asia: Exploring New Dimensions”



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Panelists:



Dr. Raj Kumar Kothari, Professor, Department of Political Science, Diamond Harbour Women's University, Former Vice Chancellor of The Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata & WBSU.



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Moderator:

Dr. Pradipta Mukherjee, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Hiralal Mazumder Memorial College for women.

Session-I : Paper Presentation
(11.30 am -1.30 pm)
Session-II: Panel Discussion
(2 pm Onwards)

Registration Fees

Students: ₹ 200/-Research
scholars: ₹ 400/-Faculty: ₹
600/-

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Venue: Seminar Room



24/02/2026



11 am



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Concept Note

Historically India shares a long standing civilizational, cultural and commercial trade links with South and South East Asia. The cooperation through ASEAN, BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) strengthens the bonds between South and South East Asia. This led to expanding cooperation in economic, political and cultural domains as well as security cooperation and people to people exchanges. Strategic engagements with countries like Japan, South Korea, Australia strengthen India's political, cultural as well as security and economic ties. Though India shares common cultural roots with her geo political neighbors but cross-sub regional challenges often jeopardize the regional stability. To counter territorial instability India envisions Neighborhood first policy building

a ***Vashudhaiva Kutmbakam*** in order to transform itself into a dynamic bridgehead India which is strategically positioned must overcome challenges in this part of the world. There is a shift from India's Look East to Act East Policy which strategically framed to initiate more engaging interaction with the South East Asian countries within broader Asia Pacific region encompassing countries like Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand and to counter regional supremacy of China. The main focus of the seminar is to delve into the political, cultural, social trajectories of India, South Asia and South East Asia leading to catalyzing their advancement in power dynamics.

The seminar will further explore the new dimensions in India, South Asia and South East Asia that can accelerate the progress of relational trajectories. The purpose of this seminar is rooted in the academic necessity to unleash a wide spectrum of geo socio political, cultural initiatives in South Asian and South Eastern part of the world bringing people together along the way.

Objectives of the seminar :

- To analyze India's position in Indian subcontinent
- To enhance the understanding of India's relation with South Asian and South East Asian countries.
- To understand India's holistic approach encompassing socio economic, political, cultural and other aspects

Sub themes of the seminar :

- India's foreign policy implications with South and South East Asia
- India's cultural, political, economic milieus
- India as regional leader
- Neighborhood first policy
- Act East policy
- Literature and cultural exchange
- Gender and society
- Film and sports
- Knowledge systems and intellectual exchange

Submission Guidelines :

- Last date for abstract submission - 22nd February 2026
- Mail I.D. for abstract submission - seminar@apccollege.ac.in
- Word limit - 200 words
- Font style - Times New Roman
- Font Size - 12
- File should be in MS Word in “doc” format
- Abstract must include name, designation, institutional affiliation, contact details
- Full paper submission by 26th March, 2026
- Selective papers will be published as book chapters

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