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**SPECIAL THEME:** REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL MULTILATERALISM

**Programme Schedule**

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#### INAUGURAL SESSION

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**Welcome Remarks**

: Mr. T.K. Kaul  
Registrar, Sikkim University

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: Prof. Alka Acharya  
Director, Institute of Chinese Studies  
& Convenor of the Conference

**Keynote Address**

: Mr. Shivshankar Menon  
Chairperson, ICS Advisory Board &  
Former National Security Advisor, Government of India

**Vote of Thanks**

: Prof. Irshad Gulam Ahmed  
Department of English & Dean of the School of Languages and Literature) & Chairperson of the Organizing Committee
Conference Dinner

Day Two: Friday, 6 November 2015

SESSION I: SECURITY & FOREIGN POLICY

9:30 am-11:00 am

Chair: Prof. Alka Acharya (Director, ICS, Delhi)

| Azhar Ali, Doctoral Fellow, Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi | China’s Eco-Strategic Expansion in South Asia: Evolving Security Predicament |
| Jayadev Parida, Research Scholar, Centre for European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi | India and China Approach to Cyber-(in)-Security: A Comparative Study |
| Rup Narayan Das, Director, Research and Information Division, Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi | Soft Power in Hard Bargain: The Narrative of Sino-Indian Engagement |

11:00 am-11:30 am

Tea Break

SESSION II: BORDERS & CONNECTIVITY

11:30-12:30 pm

Chair: Dr. Nawal Kishor Paswan (Associate Professor, Department of Peace & Conflict Studies, Sikkim University)

| Panu Pazo, Faculty, Department of Chinese, Sikkim University | Hydropower, Transportation and other Infrastructure Projects in Sikkim - Effects and Responses from the Borderland |
| Neelam Rani, Assistant Professor, Rajiv Gandhi Indian Institute of Management Shillong, Surendra S. Yadav, Professor in Finance Department of Management Studies, IIT Delhi & P.K. Jain, Professor in Finance, Department of Management Studies, IIT, Delhi | The Business Potential and the Challenges of the BCIM Regional Cooperation |
### SESSION III: SUB-NATIONAL NARRATIVES & REGIONAL COOPERATION

**1:45 pm-3:15 pm**  
Chair: Dr. Jabin Jacob (Assistant Director, ICS, Delhi)

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<td>Economic Growth and Human Development Outcomes: Results from Chinese Provinces</td>
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<td><strong>Mirza Zulfiqur Rahman</strong>, Doctoral Scholar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences IIT, Guwahati &amp; <strong>Anamika Barua</strong>, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Guwahati</td>
<td>On the Prospects of Regional and Sub-Regional Multilateral Dialogue on the Brahmaputra River Basin</td>
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**3:15 pm-3:30 pm**  
Tea Break

**Day Over**

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### Day Three: Saturday, 7 November 2015

#### SESSION IV: INDIA-CHINA RELATIONS: CLIMATE, WATER & FOOD

**10:00 am-11:15 am**  
Chair: Dr. Manish Srivastava (Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, Sikkim University)

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**SESSION VI: ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT**

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Chair: Dr. Kotra Ramamohan (Associate Professor & Head, Department of Anthropology, Sikkim University)

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12:30 pm-1:30 pm

Lunch

**SESSION VII: SOCIETY & CULTURE**

1:40 pm-3:15 pm

Chair: Dr. Kotra Ramamohan (Associate Professor & Head, Department of Anthropology, Sikkim University)

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VALEDICTORY SESSION

3:30 pm-4:00 pm

Chair : Prof. Irshad Gulam Ahmed
Department of English & Dean of the School of Languages and Literature) & Chairperson of the Organizing Committee

Welcoming Delegates to the 9th AICCS : Dr. Mrudul Nile
Associate Professor, Department of Civics & Politics, Mumbai University

Report of the Organizers : Dr. Jabin T. Jacob
Assistant Director & Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

Vote of Thanks : Dr. Dhriti Roy
Assistant Professor, Department of Chinese, Sikkim University & Co-Convenor of the Conference

Vice Chancellor’s Dinner: 8:00 pm