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Lecture on
“Cooperation in SAARC: An Overview”

by
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Date: 21 November 2012
Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Venue: T3 Conference Room, Second Floor

Programme

Welcome Remarks
4:00 pm – 4:05 pm  Professor C. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, OP Jindal Global University

Introductory Remarks
4:05 pm – 4:10 pm  Professor Dabiru Sridhar Patnaik, Associate Professor and Executive Director, Center for South Asian Legal Studies, Jindal Global Law School

Lecture
4:10 pm – 4:45 pm  Mr. M. Sridharan, Director, SAARC, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

Discussion: 4:45 pm – 4:55 pm

Summation and Vote of thanks
4:55 pm – 5:00 pm

The talk will be followed by High Tea

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Abstract
This talk provides an overview of various aspects of Cooperation in the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation. It answers key questions like 'Why SAARC is not 'South Asia'?  Who are cooperating in SAARC? What is the requirement for India to cooperate in SAARC? What is the nature of India’s cooperation in SAARC?

The talk also provides some examples of cooperation under various fields like Trade and Economy, Education, Environment & Agriculture, Connectivity, and Social Development.

It also touches upon some special cooperation areas like Parliaments, Election Commission.

The talk provides an overview of agreements and conventions signed in SAARC, and the way these are implemented. It also flags the differences in procedures in SAARC countries in this regard.

Short Bio of Mr. M. Sridharan
M. Sridharan is a member of the 1996 batch of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS). He is presently Director in the SAARC division of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. As Director, SAARC, Sridharan is responsible for multilateral diplomacy, regional trade in South Asia, SAARC development fund and regional programmes in education, energy, health, rural development etc. Earlier, he was Counsellor in the Embassy of India, Fiji Islands and was also Consul (Trade and Investment) in the Consulate General of India in Hong Kong. From 2004 to 2008, Sridharan was Head of the Political Division as First Secretary (Political) at the Embassy of India in Beijing, China. He holds an MBA from Colarado State University, a Post Graduate Diploma in Chinese Language from the Beijing Institute of Economic Management, China and a Diploma in Foreign Relations from the Foreign Service Institute of the Ministry of External Affairs. His interests include short stories and plays and authored literary works in Tamil and Chinese languages.