

WATER RESOURCES AND ECOHYDROLOGY OF THE HIMALAYAS: SOME SHARED EXPERIENCE[S]

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The changing scenario of ecohydrology and water resources of the Himalaya has caused serious concern for the planners and policy-makers of those countries who share a common interest in the region. In the light of this, the present paper seeks to address some of the important issues at the regional level and, at the same time, explores the possibility of finding out some tangible solutions to harnessing the enormous potential of water resources of the region. In order to achieve this goal, bilateral dialogues between the concerned countries are felt imperative to chalk out a common strategy that will go a long way in judicious utilisation and management of the water resources of the region.

A stable and balanced ecohydrology and judicious water resources' management of the Himalayas will definitely serve the common interests of the countries. There is no doubt about it. This goal can, however, be achieved if the problems are identified and solutions found within the framework of a spirit of regional cooperation in South Asia.

In this context, one can say that SAARC, which is emerging as a common forum to handle issues, has an important role in bringing about perceptible change and development in the entire South Asian Region.