

Ministry of External Affairs  
&  
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Virtual Conference

***Future of Natural Resources***  
*(Hydrocarbons, Rare Earth Metals and Blue Economy)*

**DATE:** 29 October 2021

**TIME:** 1630-1800 IST

**PROGRAMME**

**INAUGURAL SESSION**

**Opening Remarks**– Ms. Manika Jain, Additional Secretary (OIA-II)

**Inaugural address**- Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Shri V. Muraleedharan

**Vote of Thanks**– Ms. Ankita Mittal, Under Secretary (OIA-II)

**TECHNICAL SESSION**

**Moderator: Dr. G. A. Ramadass**, Director, National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai, Ministry of Earth Sciences

**Panelists:**

**Dr. K.A. Kamesh Raju**, National Center for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), MOES, India.

**Dr. Sasi Nayar**, Phytoplankton Biologist, South Australian Research and Development Institute - Aquatic Sciences, Australia. (TBC)

**Prof. Satish Singh**, Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris, France.

**Dr. Ravail Singh**, German Center for Marine Biodiversity Research, Germany.

**Dr. Shyam Chand**, Center for Arctic Gas Hydrates, Norway.

**Dr. Prashant Jadhawar**, Lecturer in Petroleum Engineering, University of Aberdeen, UK

**Dr. Hanumant Singh**, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (WHOI), USA.

**DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS**

**Concluding Remark- Dr. G. A. Ramadass**