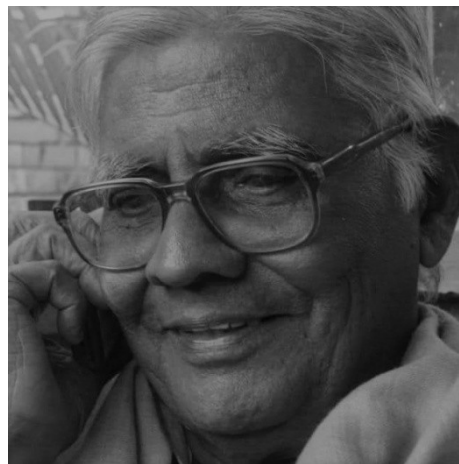


Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India  
and  
Society for Promoting Participative Ecosystem Management  
(SOPPECOM)

invite you to the meeting

“Remembering Prof. A. Vaidyanathan”



(1931- 2020)

As you all know, Prof. A. Vaidyanathan, fondly called Vaidy by his close friends, passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> June. He was a well-known economist, no doubt. But he was much more than that. He is, in fact, a reference point to many aspects of rural economy/development – agriculture and agricultural economics, water, livestock, cooperatives and rural credit, rural labour, rural development, and so on. A better part of his academic life he spent with the Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Thiruvananthapuram and the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS). He was a member of the Planning Commission of India for about 10 years. He headed various government committees and task forces including the Irrigation Pricing Committee, Restructuring and Revitalisation of Cooperative Credit Structure, 12<sup>th</sup> Plan Working Group on Data, to name a few. His near “obsession” with data and his efforts to streamline it is quite well acknowledged. As an academic, policy maker, and mentor of a whole generation of researchers and civil society activists and organizations, Prof. A. Vaidyanathan was a great inspiration. He was an affectionate and endearing person.

He was a founding member of SOPPECOM and an advisor to the Water Conflict Forum network.

To remember Prof. A. Vaidyanathan and pay tribute to his immense contributions, Water Conflict Forum and SOPPECOM have taken the initiative to organise a meeting on **20<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm**. Though the initiative has been taken by the Water Conflict Forum and SOPPECOM, it is being organised on behalf of all civil society organisations that he has been associated with in one way or the other.

We have an eminent set of speakers for the occasion who had been associated with Prof. Vaidyanathan in many different ways. The speakers are:

- **Sunita Narain:** Director General, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) and Editor, Down to Earth
- **M.S. Sriram:** Faculty member and Chairperson, Centre for Public Policy at IIM, Bengaluru
- **Sundari Ravindran:** Principal Visiting Fellow, United Nations University – International Institute of Global Health
- **S. Janakarajan:** former Professor at Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) and Member, Steering Committee of the Water Conflict Forum
- **Mihir Shah:** Co-founder of Samaj Pragati Sahyog, Distinguished Professor at Shiv Nadar University and former member of the Planning Commission of India

Please note that there would be time, after the listed speakers finish, for the participants to share their thoughts and have a brief discussion.

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm	Please join the meeting using the link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81079581653?pwd=eEJoTnBheXdnMmE0eW1MYW5VYmR1Zz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81079581653?pwd=eEJoTnBheXdnMmE0eW1MYW5VYmR1Zz09</a>
Date: 20 <sup>th</sup> June (Saturday)	Meeting ID: 810 7958 1653 Password: 150414

Hope to see you all at the meeting.

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