(As the Peoples SAARC Conference was in progress at Sriganganagar, Rajasthan on 21-25 June 2009, Mr R.P. Saraf had to present some suggestions on the principal document, but he could not. His health deteriorated and he had to be moved to Samba, Jammu-Kashmir, where he breathed his last on the morning of June 24, 2009. These handwritten suggestions in the form of notes were found in rough papers after his demise.)

Some Notes On Peoples SAARC Conference, June 2010

Why are we holding 5-day conference of the Nature-Human Centric Peoples Movement in every country of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation? What is its need?

This can be understood by looking at the existing fundamental reality of the official SAARC. And this fundamental reality is that South Asia today has become the most dangerous area of the world where the world faces the threat of the extinction of all forms of life in case of an Indo-Pak nuclear war which can occur at any moment because skirmishes have been a regular feature of Indo-Pak border.

What is Nature-Human Centric approach? The approach that puts nature (or environment) and people at the centre of all developments on this earth.

At the present juncture, the South Asian nations, like all other trading blocks in the world, have been caught in a 2-dimensional crisis, i.e., environmental degradation, on the one hand, and the dehumanisation of the human community, on the other. This can be seen from the following facts:

Environmental degradation expressed by global warming or climate change is the biggest challenge that the human community is now facing on this earth. The crisis is so serious that either the human community overcomes it immediately, or it will devour the human community and finish it for ever. The time at our disposal is very, very, very small. According to the whole world scientific community organised within the UN Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (UNIPCC), the size or proportion of GHGs was 280 PPM (part per million) in 1750 and it is 379 PPM in 2007. It is far greater than the natural increase from 180 PPM to 300 PPM over the last 6,50,000 years. Now the global temperature is 0.76 centigrade high. The world has less than a decade to change course. According to them, if the human community did not change its course by 2020, the crisis of climate change will become irreversible and thus after very short time the human community along with the entire bio-life on this earth will go out of existence. This will be the 6th extinction of bio-life, while, according to London based Dorchester Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, five extinctions of life have already taken place on the earth planet.

Climate change is not a market problem. It is an existential problem. It can not be solved by market means. Corporate world makes it a market problem. Climate change problem demands that polluters immediately stop the production of GHGs.

Only rich countries have caused the problem. In the beginning, poor are suffering. Very soon, the rich will come to suffer.

What is environment? The surrounding in which humans, animals or plants live, the natural world.

What is atmosphere? The gases surrounding the earth or another planet.

Kyoto Protocol (1997) is expiring in 2012. America and Australia were not its members. Now a new framework is needed. No one country can win the battle against climate change acting alone. Collective action is not an option but an imperative. It was only in 1972 that the

world came to know that something wrong is happening to our environment. But look at the practice of the political, economic and cultural leaders of the corporate world since 1972 to date. Beginning with the Stockholm Conference on sustainable development and passing through a long series of further sustainable development agendas, the net result has been nothing doing on the environment problem. Now the environmental problem of degradation has assumed tremendous proportions, challenging the current commitment period of Kyoto Protocol ends in 2012. The successor agreement could set a new course, imposing stringent limits on future emissions and providing a framework for international collective action. Now US and Australia can also join it. Negotiations could be brought forward to that quantitative targets are set by 2010, target is renewable power generation, forest conservation and grasslands restoration.

Fight against climate change is a fight for not only saving humanity but all forms of bio-life on this earth.

Battle against climate change cannot be fought in the on-going capital-led system based on market mechanism and led by self-interest.

Accelerated collapse of ice sheet in the Antarctic and Greenland.

The carbon footprint of US is 5 times that of China and over 15 times that of India.

In Ethiopia, the average per capita carbon footprint is 0.1 tonnes of carbon dioxide compared with 20 tonnes in Canada.

The emissions are on a rising trend. Why should not all countries totally stop technologies that generate GHGs. All countries both developed and developing must take the path of renewable energy. From the humanist angle, developed countries must give a logically settled economic aid to under-developed countries. India, China and a few other countries at their present level should not be given any aid.

Military spending the world over be totally stopped. The differences between countries be peacefully resolved.

Nuclear weapons be buried or scientifically be finished.

All types of polluted energy generation be totally stopped.

Rich countries to cut emission by 80 percent.

Climate disasters are heavily concentrated in poor countries. At the present moment, developed countries are free from any disaster.

Five important areas through which climate change could stall and then reverse human development: (a) Agricultural production and food security, losses in agricultural production; (b) Water stress and water insecurity; (c) Rising sea levels and flood disasters (or sea flood disasters) through cyclones; (d) Losses of eco-systems and bio-diversity; Around one half of the world's coral reef systems have suffered bleaching as a result of warming seas; (e) Human heath—major killer diseases could expand their coverage—Malaria, Dengue, HIV/AIDS, Bird flu, Saras, Swine flu and other infectious diseases.

Eco-bio crisis—ecological-biological crisis—that is crisis of ecology or environment, on the one hand, and of biological resources, primarily the human, on the other. The environmental crisis, caused by the greenhouses gases, i.e., carbon dioxide, methane and nitro-oxide, has caused serious damage to the conditions required for the existence of biological species, primarily the human. The biological crisis, while affecting all biological phenomena, has primarily affected the human species which from its early beginning has evolved as homo-sapiens and later developed as fully social, minus his biological life, has today become highly selfish, reducing his social aspects as a mere formality.

What is supreme phenomena in society? Capital or environment and human community?

Human society today faced with a two-sided crisis: challenge of global warming or climate change and challenge of dehumanisation of human society. Generator of these crises: world corporate system which makes capital as the supreme thing in society. Both versions of capital Adam Smithean and Marxian take this stand. Nature-Human Centric viewpoint differs with both. It holds that nature (environment) and the human community constitute the supreme thing in society.

Capitalist society is based on competition and self-interest alone. Here the factors of unity, homogeneity and common interests are totally missing. This is the one-sided character of this society which makes everyone insecure and lonely, both mentally and physically. Individual disbelief and mistrust of everyone.

Nature-Human Centric leading team secretary for one year.

Theory of peoples empowerment will eliminate differences among and between people. People might turn less violent when empowered.

World Financial Crisis

US superpower strategy in South Asia: To form a joint Indo-Pak front oriented to old British colonial line of border between India and China.

Solution of Jammu-Kashmir problem: having a trilateral management with India and Pakistan jointly managing Jammu-Kashmir's defence, foreign affairs and currency, which the state having a federal structure giving autonomy to its 9 parts.

What is the fundamental reality of our times? We say, it is environmental degradation, on the one hand, and dehumanisation of human, on the other. This dehumanisation is represented by an inhuman divide between a few billionaires and an overwhelming number of deprived and have-nots, on the other. This fundamental reality is posing a highly serious 2-sided challenge to humankind (and also to all bio-life on the planet). That is, the 2- sided challenge of survival or extinction. There is no third wayout.

The protagonists of the prevailing corporate system claim that capital, i.e., (all varieties of monies) alone is the supreme thing in our human world and hence everything existing on our earth should be and must be put into use for the development of capital. Among the existing two branches of corporate sector, the prevailing corporate system believes that the capital theory and practice must be based and practiced on individual basis, while its now extinct branch (communist or socialist) used to hold that capital should be owned and managed by the state. The Nature-Human Centric theory maintains that the first thing for the existence of any form of life on our planet earth is its environment. Hence everything should be done to strengthen this natural environment. Anything counter or harmful to this environment must be ended at once, without any delay, may it be injurious or harmful to some vested interests. The second thing propounded by Nature-Human Centric theory is that out of all species earlier Homo Sapiens stand out as the highly developed and advanced species. Hence all varieties of division and categories of differentiation arisen among humans during the course of their evolution, such as religious, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, artistic, sentimental, literary, ideal (pertaining to ideas), beliefs, manners, tastes, habits, customs, traditions, language, alphabet, literature, art and science, etc.—which reflect one's approach to other persons, to the women, the family, the marriage, the religion, different ideologies, the state and other natural objects. All such different types of human activities are defined by one word—i.e., human culture. It plays a very important role in human development. This role is, and can be positive and negative. The positive role pushes the human development forward while the negative hinders it.