

# Upadhyay's Book on Nepal's Water Resources

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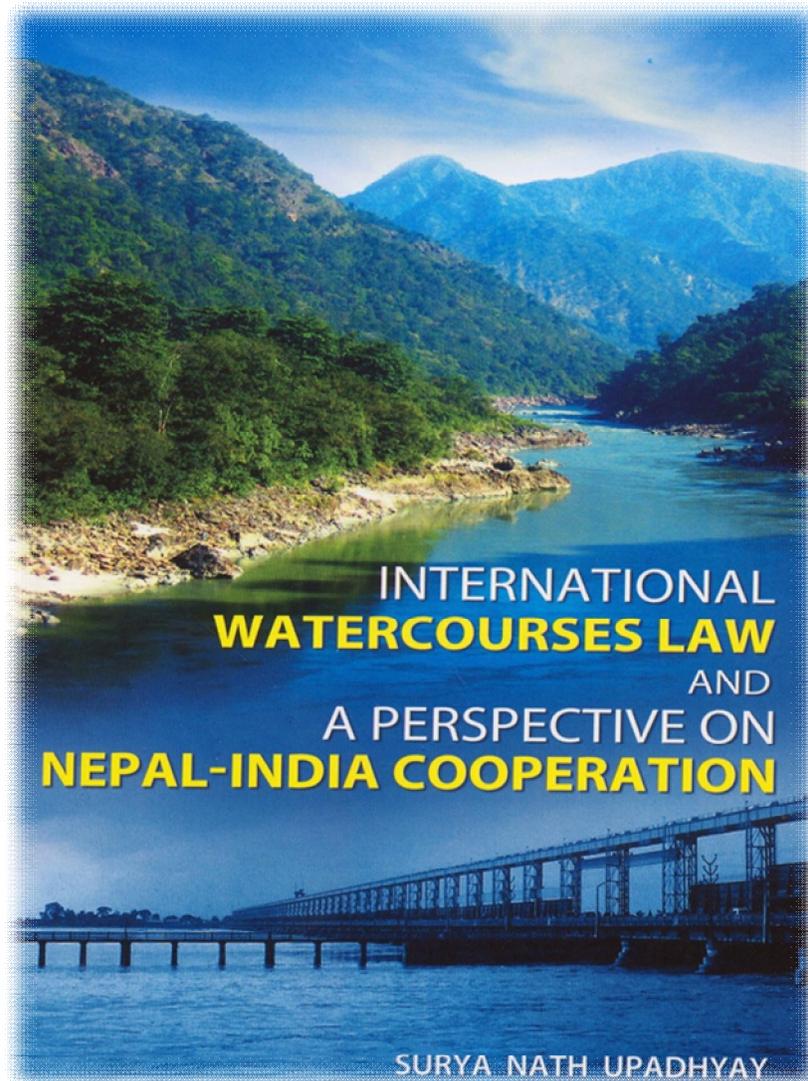
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by

**Surya Nath Upadhyay**



An important endeavor of Mr. Surya Nath Upadhyay, Secretary General, JVS/GWP Nepal has been materialized in the form of a book entitled "International Water Course Law and a Perspective on Nepal-India Cooperation". The book is published and distributed by Ekta Books Distributors Pvt. Ltd.

The book launching ceremony was hosted by JVS/GWP Nepal on January 15, 2013 (Magh 2, 2069) at Hotel de l' Annapurna, Kathmandu. More than 120 participants including water experts and journalists were present in the program. Dr. Prakash Chandra Lohani, a renowned political economist, was the chief guest. Mr. Yuvraj Sangroula, former Attorney General, made the comments on the book whereas Mr. Surya Nath Upadhyay put lights on the book from an Author's perspective.

The book digs into most of the crucial agreements between Nepal and India. Dr. Lohani, during the program, talked on the unfair bilateral treaties with India which couldn't reap benefits for Nepal. The concluding remark was delivered by Dr. Upendra Gautam, Treasurer, JVS/GWP Nepal.



**Dr. Prakash Chandra Lohani with the author and others**

In his remarks, Dr. Gautam said, "The greatest merit of the book lies in providing a wider regional or Himalayan perspective to Nepal-India

cooperation in the framework of international water law. Conclusion of such a perspective is that the optimum beneficial conservation and harnessing of our water rest in greater regional cooperation."

He continued, "In the last 40-50 years, the greed-oriented leadership of various levels and sections in Delhi and Kathmandu has used the so-called special relations between them as the primary weapon to increasingly exploit the common people. Such leadership while exchanges red carpet welcome between them, the common people suffocate in prolonged power outage; their settlements are inundated, they are dislocated, they suffer due to flood and drought. These people die in their own space-in their own country; they are plundered and become refugees. The whole intention is to break the morale of the people.

He said, "Water resource is a resource that provides security and prosperity to the people. I take the author's greater regional or Himalayan perspective, based on a legitimate international framework, as a well considered critique of the façade built on the so-called special relations-which actually embed in colonialist values. The book is an honest attempt to liberate Kathmandu and Delhi from such relations. "