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MESSAGE

I am extremely happy to know that an International River Congress is being organised by South Asian Institute for Advance Research and Development, where many national and international experts, stakeholders and investors will deliberate upon river resources planning and management. Rivers are lifeline for very survival of human kind. In view of population growth, more water demand from industrial and agricultural sector, there is a need to understand the current problems of shortage of water, mismatch of demand supply, extreme events causing flood disasters, impact of climate change on future water resources availability and requirements, drought assessment, future irrigation water requirements and water quality.

I am sure that this river congress will provide an insight about present and future challenges to already burdened river system of our country. I am pleased to note that the first International River Congress will not only focus on the conservation of rivers through judicious river resource management at basin scale but will also forge greater interaction between investors and stakeholders in the water sector and promote international cooperation. I wish the organisers every success in this venture, and hope that it will strengthen our various developmental programmes with the infusion of Summit-generated ideas.

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