

SEPARATED BY SPACE AND TIME, UNITED BY GRIEF - THE TRAGEDY OF BEING A LAKE

D. K. SRIVASTAVA^{1*} AND V. S. RAMAMURTHY¹

We examine the disappearance of Tulare Lake (California) and the Aral Sea (Central Asia) - where river diversions for irrigation destroyed millennia-old lakeshore societies - as emblematic cases of global lake desiccation due to over-exploitation, silting, and waste dumping. We point out that lakes, ponds, and other waterbodies would play an increasingly important role in recharging underground aquifers and offering a relief on a planet under stress due to climate change.

¹ National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru 560012

* Corresponding Author: dinesh.srivastava@nias.res.in

