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**northeast green
summit**



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SUSTAINABLE NE INDIA & BIMSTEC REGION**

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NORTHEAST GREEN SUMMIT

The event aims to celebrate the rich and diverse natural and cultural heritage of Northeast India, showcase their inter-linkages and focus on the need for an integrated approach for sustaining this heritage. The Summit is striving towards preserving, maximizing and developing the potential of the unique biodiversity zone of Northeast India through various awareness programmes highlighting, amongst other things, various sustainable livelihood options and associated skills. The discussions will link and draw lessons from science, culture and market mechanisms.

MISSION

To provide a platform for academicians, research scholars, industry leaders, policymakers, student organisations, civil society representatives, media persons, NGOs, etc. to deliberate and design effective solutions for key environmental challenges being faced in Northeast India. Robust and scientific planning can result in converting these challenges into potential opportunities for supporting sustainable development and ecological conservation in the region, especially post pandemic.

This year, our emphasis would be to explore innovative avenues for a SUSTAINABLE Northeast India and BIMSTEC region by balancing people, planet and profit.

WHO WE ARE

Vibgyor N.E. Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation, specialises in green issues of Northeast India & works closely with other groups in this sector in the region.

Vibgyor has completed 6 successful years of Northeast Green Summit, the only such annual conclave of the region.

#PeoplePlanetProfit

#SustainableNEIndia

SEVENTH NORTHEAST GREEN SUMMIT 2022

The 7th edition of Northeast Green Summit aims towards
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EVERY YEAR

OVER
5000
PARTICIPANTS

MORE THAN
50
SPEAKERS

3 DAYS & OVER
20
SESSIONS
& SUB-SESSIONS

OVER
250
RESEARCH PAPERS

FOCUS AREAS

- DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & POST DISASTER LIVELIHOODS
- PREVENTING WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING
- TOURISM FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD
- AGRI-HORTI DEVELOPMENT FOR FOOD SECURITY
- SUSTAINABLE USAGE OF MEDICINAL PLANTS
- SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
- GREEN SKILLS
- SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES
- BIO-ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- BIO-ECONOMY
- COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL OF TRADITIONAL FOODS
- RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR FUTURE
- HARNESSING HYDROPOWER SUSTAINABLY



BALANCING PEOPLE, PLANET, PROFIT: SUSTAINABLE NE INDIA & BIMSTEC REGION

The recent pandemic shook the world at a juncture when everyone had to pause and introspect on their fast-paced life over the years. Amongst many learnings, the key takeaway was the way nature reacted to the pandemic - the air became pollution free, wildlife livelier and all these highlighted the impact of our everyday actions on nature and future generations. The pandemic eventually turned out to be a wakeup call to act towards equitable growth i.e. about balancing aspects related to people, planet and profits—the anchors on which a sustainable and resilient green economy is built. The BIMSTEC links South and Southeast Asia with five countries from South Asia and two from Southeast Asia coming together on one platform for cooperation in 14 key economic and social sectors of the economy. BIMSTEC's role in revitalising India's Northeast is very crucial as Northeast borders three BIMSTEC countries -Bangladesh, Bhutan and Myanmar and the region can witness long-term economic growth through sustainable development.

Ecotourism, for example, has the potential to provide sustainable livelihoods. Although many ecotourism enterprises have been established in NE India, most have failed to provide sustainable livelihoods to the region's indigenous people. The Summit, therefore, will deliberate on Ecotourism promises & challenges in NE India to chalk out more resilient action plans. The Summit will also dwell on horticulture development in BIMSTEC countries, sustainable usage of medicinal and aromatic plants and developing resilient agriculture, food security & healthcare. Sustainable agriculture initiatives may also improve traditional food practices by integrating traditional foods into production diversity increases and into consumption of own production making it commercially viable, which is key to sustainable development.

Likewise, in a disaster-prone region like Northeast, the application of technologies, research, development, promotion of innovative approaches and local knowledge to confront complex issues posed by hazards form important components of managing disaster risks. Moreover, economic and livelihood recovery has become an increasingly important component of the post-disaster recovery process – areas which the Summit will dwell on at length to arrive at disaster preparedness solutions.





The region is endowed with abundant coal, natural gas, hydropower and renewable energy potential, largely concentrated in the contiguous BBIN area (Bangladesh, Bhutan, East and Northeast of India, and Nepal). However, according to global SDG index rankings, the BBIN countries are still facing “major challenges” or “significant challenges” for achieving the SDG 7(clean energy), thus leaving scope for improvement and extensive deliberations at the Summit.

Moreover, despite NE India’s huge water resource potential, it still is one of the most water-starved pockets of the country. Aggravating the situation is the risk of depletion of the natural resource base and associated environmental problems. The Summit will discuss a long-term water resource management program designed to develop the requisite technical, economic and socio-cultural means for sustainable development.

Ecologists identify hunting as one of the primary threats to wildlife populations in NE India and the possible extinction of some species. Significantly, illegal wildlife trade is the fourth largest transnational crime after drugs, weapons and human trafficking. Inch by inch, species by species, shrinking wildlife numbers are an indicator of the tremendous impact and pressure we are exerting on our planet. The Summit will chalk out various measures required to combat organised wildlife crime in NE India. Placing planet and people before profit will eventually end up making the economy of NE India and its BIMSTEC neighbours a lot more greener and profitable. All that’s required is to balance environmental mandates with business ambitions and integrating sustainability into boardroom discussions. The Summit aspires to fulfil that role to its fullest.



ABOUT THE VENUE

The North Eastern Police Academy (NEPA) was established in 1978 to cater to the police training requirements of the Northeastern states. Initially, the academy was set up as Regional Police Training College (RPTC) under the North Eastern Council. However, in May 1980, the name was changed to North Eastern Police Academy. The Academy was transferred from Ministry of DoNER to Ministry of Home Affairs on April 2007 to facilitate professional inputs. Located in Umsaw village, in Ri-Bhoi district of Meghalaya, the Academy is rich with a variety of flora and fauna spread across an area of 205 acres of land. The academy maintains its greenery tenderly and is home to many species of birds and butterflies.

WHY ATTEND THE SUMMIT?

- Exchange ideas, gain knowledge and establish partnerships with various stakeholders
- Network with various policy makers, green professionals and budding entrepreneurs
- Showcase achievements in adopting green practices, products and services
- Deliberate through academic discourses & paper presentations
- Enjoy birding, trekking and nature walk in the sprawling NEPA campus
- Witness and join in art & cultural activities centring around the region's green & indigenous practices

WHO ALL ATTEND?

- Politicians & policymakers
- Bureaucrats & technocrats
- Academicians
- Civil society groups
- State/Central Government organizations
- Students & youths
- UN and international bodies & business
- Nature enthusiasts
- Art lovers
- Cultural activists
- Local communities
- Green NGO members and the public at large.
- Representatives from neighbouring countries of Bhutan, Myanmar and Bangladesh

UN and international bodies & business houses having a stake in ensuring sustainable development of the region

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways to contribute to Northeast Green Summit. We invite you to become a force for nature today and help leave a natural legacy for tomorrow

- Host a technical session/Green Art Walk/Rhythm of the Hills
- Speak & share your green lessons at a technical session
- Be an academic partner & help create a green agenda for GenNext
- Host a green B2B meet
- Host Power Breakfast Session for green policy makers
- Showcase your green products
- Submit paper on green issues, empower others
- Attend & empower yourself to prepare for a greener tomorrow

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GLOBAL AUDIENCE
- GREEN LEADERS
- POLICY MAKING SESSIONS
- B2B MEETINGS
- PROMOTING GREEN INNOVATIONS
- GREEN EXPO
- START-UPS PITCH
- HACKATHON
- GREEN MUSIC
- SUSTAINABLE ART & CRAFT SHOWS
- HONOURING ECO WARRIORS
- POWER BREAKFAST WITH POLICYMAKERS
- ACADEMIC PAPER PRESENTATIONS



TESTIMONIALS



The Northeast Green Summit has been able to generate a sea of knowledge in course of its six editions and it was an educative experience for me to be participating at the Summit.

ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY

Union Minister of State,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change



The Northeast Green Summit, which was initiated few years back, is an initiative that is so very important for a region like Northeast India. It's the largest of its kind in the Northeast and is an example that should be scaled up for the sake of not only Northeast but the whole world.

ATUL BAGAI

Head, India office,
United Nations Environment Programme



I am thankful to the organisers for this wonderful initiative - in fact, I am personally associated with this Summit since its inception as our goals are similar. My forest is one of the biggest houses where all animals can live. If 700 crore people plant one tree each every day, than it will help to change the climate conditions, otherwise we will have to face trouble in the future.

PADMASHRI JADAV PAYENG

Forest Man of India



It's a great honour and I felt very privileged to have participated in the first ever Northeast Green Summit. I must thank the organisers as they have been working very positively since the inception of the idea of this Summit.

SHRI NAVEEN VERMA, IAS (RTD)

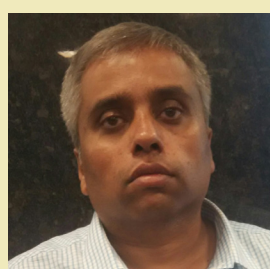
Former Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Govt. of India



The Northeast Green Summit is a wonderful experience. There is no alternative to preserving the gifts of nature in leading healthy, wealthy & joyful lives. The summit has conveyed the same message to us.

A.K.M.HARUNER RASHID

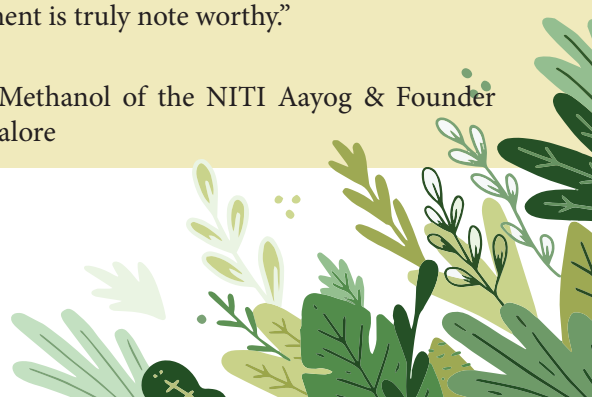
FCS Registrar and Secretary,
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Northeast Green Summit is doing a yeoman service to sustainable and equitable development of the ecologically sensitive region. The introspection and heightened consciousness which the summit is creating towards a holistic development is truly note worthy."

SHRI PRASHANT SRINIVAS

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