



Rising Asia & BCC&I Summit Theme: Economy & Politics: The North East – Asia’s Fulcrum Commemorating Ten Years of India’s Act East Policy.

<p>Date: 20th December, 2024</p> <p>Venue: THE BENGAL CHAMBER HERITAGE PREMISES, ROYAL EXCHANGE, KOLKATA</p> <p>AGENDA</p>		
9:30 a.m. – 10: 15 a.m.	Registration and Networking Tea /Coffee	
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Guests to be seated	
Inaugural Session		
10:30 a.m.- 10:38 a.m.	Opening Address and Context Setting	Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri , Former President, BCC&I & President, Rising Asia Foundation (confirmed)
10:38 a.m.- 10:46 a.m.	Welcome Address	Mr. Arnab Basu , President BCC&I and Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd. (confirmed)
10:46 a.m. – 10:53 a.m.	Theme Address	Dr. Harish Mehta , Founder Chairman, Rising Asia Foundation Trust and Editor-in-Chief, Rising Asia Journal (confirmed)
10:53 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Convergence of Economics and Politics- Chamber Perspectives	Mr. Subhodip Ghosh , Director General, BCC&I (confirmed)
11:00 a.m.- 11:20 a.m.	Keynote Address by Chief Guest	Dr. Sukanta Majumdar , Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region; Minister of State for Education, Government of India (confirmed)
11:20 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Leadership Address 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri Jawhar Sircar, Former Member of Rajya Sabha (confirmed) Dr. Amit Mitra, Hon'ble Principal Chief Advisor to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal and Finance Department (in Cabinet Minister Rank), Government of West Bengal (confirmed)
11:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	Summit Address	Dr. Shashi Tharoor , Hon'ble Member of Parliament for Thiruvananthapuram (to be confirmed)



12:10 p.m.- 12:15 p.m.	Changeover	
12:15 p.m.- 12:55 p.m.	Leadership Address 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nidhi Jain, General Manager- East, Hindustan Unilever Limited (confirmed) • Dr. Rajat Kathuria, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor, Economics, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence (confirmed) • Ambassador Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Former Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India (to be confirmed) • Dr. Prabir De, Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi (confirmed)
12:55 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Changeover	
Session I Business and Economic Development of the East and North East Region		
1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Prabhat Bezboruah, Former Chairman, Tea Board of India (confirmed) • Mr. Arun Narain Singh, Executive Vice Chairman & Managing Director cum CEO, Goodricke (confirmed) • Dr. Sanjay Kathuria, Visiting Senior Fellow Centre for Social and Economic Progress Co-founder, Trade Sentinel and Visiting Professor, Georgetown and Ashoka University Global Fellow, Wilson Center Non-Res. Sr. Fellow Inst. of SA Studies (confirmed) • Mr. Harsh Chhaparia, Partner, McKinsey & Company (confirmed) • Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Managing Director, Cenergist Energy Private Limited and Former President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) (confirmed) • Mr. Nilanjan Ghosh, Ph.D., Director, Centre for New Economic Diplomacy and Observer Research Foundation (ORF) Kolkata Centre (confirmed) 	
Session Moderator: Dr. Rudrangshu Mukherjee , Chancellor & Professor of History, Ashoka University (Founding Member) (confirmed)		
2:00 p.m.- 2:50 p.m.	Lunch	
Session II		



Socio Political Perspective - India's North East - Asia's Fulcrum

2:50 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

- Shri Pema Khandu, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Arunachal Pradesh (to be confirmed)
- Shri Conrad Kongkal Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Meghalaya (to be confirmed)
- Shri Prem Singh Tamang, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Sikkim (to be confirmed)
- Shri Manik Saha, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Tripura (to be confirmed)

Session Moderator:

3:30 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.

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Session III

Diplomatic Engagement and Regional Development: “Strengthening Economic and Political Ties in North Eastern Asia”

3:35 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.

- Mr. Xu Wei, Consul General, The Consulate of the People's Republic of China in Kolkata (to be confirmed)
- **Mr. Jiro Kodera**, Counsellor – Economy & Development, Embassy of Japan in India (confirmed)
- H.E. Ms. Pattarat Hongtong, Ambassador of Thailand to India, The Royal Thai Embassy in New Delhi (to be confirmed)
- Mr. Kevin Goh, Deputy Consul-General, Australia in Kolkata (to be confirmed)
- Ms. Ina Hagniningtyas Krisnamurthi, Head of Mission, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in New Delhi (to be confirmed)
- H.E. Dato' Muzafar Shah Mustafa, High Commissioner, High Commission of Malaysia, New Delhi (to be confirmed)

Session Moderator:

4:30 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.

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Session IV

Harvesting Cultural Richness—Inclusion and Diversity

4:35 p.m.– 5:25 p.m.

- **Mr. Bhaichung Bhutia**, Former Football Player and Captain, Indian Football Team (confirmed)
- **Dr. Vandana Shiva**, Founder, The Navdanya Research Foundation for



	<p>Science, Technology and Ecology (confirmed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Manish Gaekwad, Indian author (confirmed) • Dr. Harish Mehta, Founder Chairman, Rising Asia Foundation Trust and Editor-in-Chief, Rising Asia Journal (confirmed) 	
<p>Session Moderator: Dr. Julie Mehta, Founder Trustee, Rising Asia Foundation Trust</p>		
<p>5:25 p.m. – 5: 30 p.m.</p>	<p>Conclusion and Vote of Thanks</p>	<p>BCC&I/RAF</p>