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North East in India's Look East: Issues and Opportunities**

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

28TH OCTOBER, 2014*TUESDAY

Registration: 8.30a.m.-9.30 a.m.

Venue: New Conference Hall, IIT Guwahati, Assam, PIN 781039

Inaugural Session 10.00a.m.-11.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.-10:20 a.m.	Opening Remarks	Dr. Pahi Saikia, HSS, IITG
10.20a.m-10:30 a.m.	Welcome Address	Dr Arupjyoti Saikia, HOD/HSS
10.30a.m.-10:40a.m.	Special Address	Prof. Gautam Biswas, FNA, Director , Indian Institute of Technology,Guwahati (IITG)/TBC
10.40a.m.-11:00a.m.	Comments by	Professor Radharaman Chakrabarti, All-India President,JAIR
Tea Break: 11:00-11:30	Tea Break: 11:00-11:30	Tea Break: 11:00-11:30
11.30a.m.-11.40 noon	Comments by	Dr. P.K.Ghosh, Registrar, Jadavpur University
11.40noon-11:50noon	Comments by	Professor Rakhahari Chatterji, Advisor, ORF
11:50noon.-12:00 noon	Comments by	Dr Alka Acharya, Director,Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi
12:00p.m.-12:10 pm	Comments by	Dr. Shamshad Khan, Fellow, ICWA

12.10p.m.-12.20p.m.	Comments by	Dr. A. Ibotombi Singh , Dera Natung College
12.20p.m.-12:30p.m	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Imankalyan Lahiri General Secretary, JAIR
Lunch Break 12:30-2.00pm		
28TH OCTOBER, 2014: TECHNICAL SESSIONS		
TUESDAY (Afternoon)		
Technical Session: I (Plenary Session) SPECIAL LECTURES Theme: Northeast in India’s Look East 2.00p.m.-3:15 p.m.		
2:00-2:15: Dr. Surajit C. Mukhopadhayay	Registrar, National University of Juridical Sciences	Technical Session I: North East in India’s Foreign Policy: Past Trends This session will seek to provide an overview of the shared history between India and the BIMSTEC and ASEAN countries, emphasize on the traditional and cultural linkages as well as highlight the key challenges in India’s relation with these countries.
2:15-2:30: Professor Rakhahari Chatterjee	Advisor, Observer Research Foundation	
2:30-2:45: Professor Partha Pratim Basu	Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University	
Comments from the Chair: Professor Purushottam Bhattacharya, Professor, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University Rapporteurs: Smt. Pratnasree Basu & Maitrayee Guha		
TEA BREAK: 3.00p.m.-3.15p.m.		
Technical Session: II (Plenary Session)		
India and the North Eastern Region – The Landscape		
3.15p.m.-4.15p.m.		
3:15p.m.-3:30 pm Professor Shibashis Chatterjee	Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University	Technical Session II: BIMSTEC as a part of India’s Look East Policy The discussion will focus on India’s diplomatic initiatives under the Look-East Policy and its engagement with South Asian neighbours in the BIMSTEC context. While the discussion will be on the general economic, political, and cultural context within which such developments have taken place, it would place
3.30p.m.-3.45p.m. Professor Anindya .J. Majumdar	Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University	
3.45p.m.-4.00p.m. Professor Alka Acharya	Director, ICS	

special emphasis on the importance of NE India in India's engagement with SE Asia and South Asian neighbours in India's east (i.e. Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh).		
4:00 p.m-4:15 p.m		
Comments from Chair: Professor Radharaman Chakrabarti, Vivekananda Chair Professor, University of Calcutta Rapporteurs: Smt. Pratnasree Basu & Maitrayee Guha		
TEA BREAK: 4.15p.m.-4.30p.m.		
4:30-5:30 p.m Special Lecture by V.S.Seshadri Former Ambassador to Myanmar “Transforming Connectivity Corridors Between India and Myanmar into Development Corridors” Chair: Alka Acharya, Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi		
29th OCTOBER, 2014*WEDNESDAY		
Technical Session III (Parallel Session) 9.30a.m.-11.00 a.m. Venue: Conference Hall Theme: Challenges and Issues in Expanding NER-BIMSTEC AND ASEAN Economic Engagement		
<p>This session proposes to bring together academicians and business groups and policy makers to dwell upon the infrastructural issues in India –BIMSTEC-ASEAN relations like trade (border trade) and investment, connectivity, security, culture and society and critical areas of logistical linkages and border management as a fundamental pre-requisite of economic integration between NE India and other BIMSTEC /ASEANmember states.</p> <p>This session will primarily cover:</p> <p>Multi-modal connectivity and Regional connectivity, Trade routes, Opportunities for Free Trade Agreements-to promote trade and intensify co-operation on a fast track Transport and logistics policy framework and strategies Formulation of transport agreements and facilitation measures between India and other BIMSTEC AND ASEAN countries, Northeast India-centre of a thriving and integrated economic space linking.</p>		
Name of the Speaker	Institute of Affiliation	Topic
9:30a.m.-9:40am Amartya Ray	Dept. of Political Science, Ghoksadanga College, WB	Joint Border Management and the Look East Policy: India's Experiences and A Few Possible Measures

9:40a.m-9:50am Arnab Dasgupta	Chandennagore (Govt.) College, Hoogly, WB	North East India as the Energy Bridge: India's Geo-strategic perspective
9:50a.m.-10:00 am Biswajit Mohapatra	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong	India's Look East Policy, ASEAN and the Challenges of Strengthening BIMSTEC
10:00am.-10:10a.m. Caroline Maninee	Centre for Political Studies, JNU, New Delhi	India's Look East Policy and the Northeast Region: A Perspective
10:10.m.-10:20.m. Dilip Kumar Goyal	Government of Rajasthan	Look East Policy : " India's Growing Strategic Interest in ASEAN and Beyond"
10.20a.m.-10.30a.m. Dr Shamshad Khan	Fellow, ICWA	Look East Policy
10:30a.m.-10:40a.m. Ishita Das	National Law University, Jodhpur	India's Look East Policy and the WTO: Construing Regionalism in Tandem with Multilateralism
<p align="center">10:40a.m-11:00 am</p> <p align="center">Comments from the Chair: Professor Purusottam Bhattacharya</p> <p align="center">Rapporteurs: Smt. Sohini Jana # Smt. Sampurna Goswami</p>		
<p align="center">TEA BREAK 11.00a.m.-11.15</p>		
<p align="center">Technical Session IV (Parallel Session) 9.30a.m.-11.00a.m. Venue: Conference Hall: II Theme: India's NE and ASEAN: Leveraging Trade Agreements and Energizing Multi-sectoral Opportunities.</p> <p>This session will discuss the need to strengthen the multi-sectoral aspects of ASEAN- NER engagement as the India-ASEAN FTA, the new India- Nepal friendship treaty, and ongoing developments on the diplomatic front between India and Bhutan and India and Bangladesh have already put fresh impetus on the purely market access aspects of regional economic partnership.</p>		
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9:30-9:40 Dulal Chandra Karmakar	P.B.College, (Assam)	Gauripur Trade Development of North-Eastern Region through Look East Policy of India
9:40a.m.-9.50a.m. K. Robinson	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong	India's Look East Policy and Opportunities for Economic Development of the North-East India Through Road Connectivity to South East Asia: A Regional Perspective

9.50a.m.-10.00a.m. Sampurna Goswami	Jadavpur University	India's Look East Policy: The Myanmar Factor
10:00a.m.-10:10a.m. Kanishka Sarkar	Jadavpur University	Concept on Formation of Regionalism and Sub-Regionalism in North East States of India Depending on Socio-Economic and Cultural Variation in Social Communication
10:10a.m.-10:20a.m. Pratnashree Basu	Observer Research Foundation, Kolkata	Looking East through India's North East: Challenges and Viabilities
10.20a.m.-10.30a.m. Padam Nepal & Obja Borah Hazarika	Reader, Department of Political Science, St. Joseph's College, North Point, Darjeeling Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Dibrugarh University, Assam	ASEAN and Chinese Response To India's Look East Policy: Inventing South East Asia as a strategic Arena
10:30-10:40 Sreejan Das	Sitananda College	Connectivity, Aspirations and Foreign Policy: North East as source point
10:40-10:50 VD Sangahiwot Rymbai	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong	Sino-Indian Relations and India's Look East Policy
10.50a.m.-11.00a.m. Comments from the Chair: Professor Rakhahari Chatterji Rapporteurs: Smt. Pratnasree Basu # Smt. Sampurna Goswami		
TEA BREAK 11.00a.m.-11.10 a.m.		
Technical Session V (Combined Session) 11.10 am- 1.15 p.m. Venue: Conference Hall: I Theme: Engaging Stakeholder Beyond Business and Government – Bringing People Together		
Name of the Speaker	Institute of Affiliation	Topic
11.10a.m -11:20a.m. Dr. Ngamjahao Kipgen	Dept of HSS, IITG	Land Acquisition, India's Look East Policy and its Challenges: An Indigenous Perspective
11:20 a.m- 11:30a.m. Narasimha Murthy M.S.	BMSGFG College Konanur Hassan Dt	"Bio Diversity and Sustainable Development – with reference to Arunachal Pradesh "

11:30a.m.-11:40a.m. Indrashis Banerjee	Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math	Connecting India, Connecting to the World: Poverty Alleviation and rural Connectivity
11:40a.m.-11:50a.m. Jadav Pegu	Assam Civil Service, Govt. Of Assam	Does India's Look East Policy Bypass Peace in the North-East?
11:50a.m.-12:00 noon Kago Gambo	Dera Natung College, Itanagar	Counter-Terrorism Measures in the North-East India through India's Look east Policy: In search of alternatives
12.00-12.10p.m. Koyel Basu	Jangipur College	North East India and Peace Initiatives
12:10p.m.-12:20p.m. Seikholin Haokip	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong	Trans-border Insurgencies in Northeast India and Northwest Myanmar: Challenges and Imperatives for India's Look East Policy
12:20p.m.-12:30 p.m. Anindita Sengupta	Ohio State University, USA	Women in Northeast India
<p align="center">12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m</p> <p align="center">Chair & Discussant: Professor Rakesh Gupta</p> <p align="center">Rapporteurs: Smt. Shalini Das</p>		
<p align="center">CONFERENCE LUNCH: 1.00 p.m.-2.30p.m.</p>		
<p align="center">SPECIAL LECTURE SESSION 2.30p.m.-3.30p.m. (Technical Session: VI) Conference Hall (Combined Session) (Technical Session V) Introduction to the Speaker: Dr. Pahi Saikia Special Lecture by: Shri Anil Wadhwa, Secretary [East] Ministry of External Affairs Government of India</p> <p align="center">Chair: Professor Radharaman Chakrabarti, Former Vice-Chancellor, NSOU, Presently Vivekananda Chair Professor, University of Calcutta and President, JAIR</p>		
<p align="center">Technical Session VII (Combined Session) 3.30 p.m.-5.00 p.m. Venue: Conference Hall Theme: Challenges and Issues in Expanding NER-BIMSTEC, ASEAN ,China and Myanmar Engagement</p>		

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3:30p.m.-3:40p.m. Amita Agarwal	Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur	India and Pauk- Phaw Friendship: Challenges to Security and Co-operation in Indian Ocean
3:40p.m.-3:50p.m. Deepjyoti Baruah	Livestock Research Station, Assam Agricultural University, Hekra-781127, Kamrup, Assam	Hydro biological studies on trout streams of Arunachal Pradesh - a case study of river dirang chu
3:50p.m.-4:00p.m. Maila Lama	Rajiv Gandhi University	Look East Policy and Tourism Development in North-East India: Issues and Challenges (with Reference to Arunachal Pradesh)
4:00p.m.-4:10p.m. Neelu Khosla	Vivek college of commerce, Goregoan (W),Mumbai	India and South Korea : Comprehensive and Dynamic Partnership in Global Era
4:10p.m.-4:20p.m. Salini Das	Jadavpur University	Exploring Myanmar in ASEAN Orbit: Implication for India
4:20p.m.-4:30p.m. Satabdi Das	Dept. of Political Science, South Calcutta Girls' College, Kolkata, WB	Rerouting of Brahmaputra and North East India : A crucial nexus in Indo-China Relation
4:30p.m.-4:40p.m. Swagata Saha	Observer Research Foundation, Kolkata	Whither India and China in the 21st Century: looking through the prism of India's 'North eastern' and China's 'Western' aspirations
4.40p.m.-4.50p.m. Rajeev Bhattacharyya	Freelance Journalist and Researcher	Staying with the Insurgents: An Overview of Rebel Bases in Myanmar
4:50 p.m-5:00 pm Sailajananda Saika & N.Kar	M.C.College Barpeta Assam Rajeev Gandhi University, Arunachal	How Real is Look East Policy from North East Point of View? A Critical Review on Look East Policy and Development on North East India
5:00-5:10		

Comments from the Chair: Dr. Shibashis Chatterjee		
Rapporteurs: Smt. Pratnasree Basu		
TEA: 5.10p.m.-5:30 p.m		
30TH OCTOBER, 2014*THURSDAY		
Technical Session VII (Combined Session) 9.30a.m.—10.30a.m. Venue: Conference Hall Theme: North East India and India's Look East Policy: Random Perceptions		
Name of the Speaker	Institute of Affiliation	Topic
9.30a.m.-9.40a.m. Debamitra Mitra	Principal, ILEAD	The Economics of North East India and its Neighbours with Special Reference to Bhutan
9.40a.m.-9.50a.m. Ata Mallick	Dr. B.R Ambedkar Satabarshiki Mahavidyalaya	Ethnic Violence and its Possible impact in India's Look East Policy
9:50a.m.-10:00a.m. Sukalpa Chakrabarti	Symbiosis, Pune	India's Look East Policy and the need to address public policy concerns for the NER
10.00a.m.-10.10a.m Monalisa Mohanta	Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark	China as a factor in India's Look East Policy
10.10a.m.-10.30a.m		
Comments from the Chair: Dr Sambit Mallick, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Guwahati		
Rapporteurs: Smt. Salini Das		
VALEDICTORY SESSION		
10.30a.m.-1.00p.m.		
Valedictory Address by:		
Professor Rakesh Gupta, Former Professor JNU, Visiting Professor IIT Guwahati		
Chair: Professor Radharaman Chakrabarti, JAIR		
Presentation of Conference Report: Dr Imankalyan Lahiri		
Concluding Comments: Dr. Pahi Saikia, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IITG)		
LUNCH: 1.00 p.m.-2.00p.m.		