



**NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ACT EAST THROUGH NORTH EAST: INDIA'S WAY TO A NEW ERA OF DIPLOMACY**

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**Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh**

**15<sup>TH</sup> AND 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018**

**PROGRAMME**

**15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

**INAUGURAL CEREMONY**

**10.00 a.m.-12.30 p.m.**

- 1) **10.00a.m. : Initiation: Dr. Ramakrishna Mandal**, Head, Department of Economics, Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar
  - 2) **10.10a.m.: Welcome Remarks by: Dr. N.T. Rikam**, Principal, Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar
  - 3) **10.20 a.m.: Remarks by Professor Partha Pratim Basu**, President, JAIR and Professor, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University
  - 4) **10.30a.m. :Inaugural Address by : Professor Saket Kushwaha**, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi Central University, Arunachal Pradesh
  - 5) **11.15 a.m.: Special Address: Delegation from Policy Planning Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India**
  - 6) **11.45a.m.: Key-Note Address: Professor Omprakash Mishra**, Head, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University
  - 7) **12.30p.m.:Vote of Thanks : Dr. Imankalyan Lahiri**, General Secretary, JAIR  
**Anchor in Hindi: Smt. Srijata Roy**
- **Rapporteur:** Ms. Joram Renu &Ms. Yitu Murtem

**12.30p.m.-12.45p.m.: TEA AND SNACKS**

**Session I**

**SPECIAL LECTURE -I**

**12.45p.m-1.30p.m.**

**Theme: Address India's Act East Policy: Theoretical Perspectives**

**Special Session with Policy Planning Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India**

**Chair: Professor Omprakash Mishra, Head, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University**

**LUNCH BREAK: 1.30p.m.-2.00p.m.**

**Session II**

**SPECIAL LECTURES -II**

**2.00P.M.-3.00P.M.**

**Theme: India's Act East Policy: Issues and Opportunities**

- **Professor Shibashis Chatterjee**, Director, School of International Relations and Strategic Studies and Professor, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University  
**Theme: "Understanding Connectivity: Contrasting Perspectives"**
- **Ms. Deepika Saraswat**, Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi
- **Professor Partha Pratim Basu**, Professor, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University
- **Professor Anindya Jyoti Majumdar**, Professor, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University
- **Rajeev Bhattacharjee**, Journalist

**Chair: Dr. J. K. Sachdeva**, Editor in Chief, Journal of global Economy

**Rapporteur: Ms. Karpi Rike, Mrs. T. Yongjom**

**Session –III A**

**(Parallel Session-I)**

**3.00P.M.-4.00P.M.**

**Theme: Act East Policy: Domestic Dimensions**

1. **Vienna Awomi**, Prospects and Challenges to Act East Through Nagaland
2. **Rahul Kumar**, India's North east and ASEAN regional economic, cultural connectivity and its geopolitical significance
3. **A. Ibotombi Singh**, Connectivity: The Driven Force of India's 'Act East' Policy
4. **Titas Biswas**, The Socio-political Aspect of Indigenous Culture of the North-East: A Quest for Sustenance Unified in Pluralistic Discourses
5. **Sangeeta Magar & Chow Khanseng Manang**, Transportation: As an Economic Reform in Zero
6. **Sylvia Kharmujai**, From 'Look East' to 'Act East': Institutionalizing India's Act East Policy
7. **Ratna Tayeng**, India's 'Act East' Policy: Will it help Arunachal?
8. **Dr. Arpita Ghosh**, Peace and Conflict Situation: Some Glimpses from India's North East
9. **Sukamal Deb**, Poverty - Initiative to Combat Poverty in India with Reference to NER
10. **Mithilesh kumar Jha**, Act East Policy and Infrastructure of Nagaland

11. **Pebam Munindro Singh** , Plausible Impact on Act East corridor from hazards of E – waste: The need for assessment of awareness level of this hazards with special reference to a case study of Papum pare district of Arunachal Pradesh, India

**Chair: Dr. B.L. Behera**, HoD, Department of English, Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar

**Rapporteur: Ms. Bagang**

**Session –III B  
(Parallel Session-II)**

**3.00P.M.-4.00P.M.**

**Theme: Act East Policy: Domestic Dimensions**

12. **Awarlin Chetia and D.N. Das**, A review on economic importance and length-weight relationship of freshwater crab, *Maydelliathelphusa lugubris* (Wood-Mason, 1871) from Arunachal Pradesh.
13. **Jyotiraj Pathak**, Act East Policy: Challenges and Opportunities for N E India
14. **Saheli Bose**, Locating India's North-east through Trade, Connectivity and Energy Cooperation in Act East Policy
15. **Amit Kashyap**, Act East Through Northeast: India's Way to a New Era of Diplomacy
16. **Ranjita Mannow**, Tourism as a Potential Catalyst of Economic Empowerment of Women: Some Analysis on Women of Arunachal Pradesh
17. Maitreyee Choudhury, **Journey of Tawang from Cultural Convergence to Strategic Significance**
18. **Krima Queen Machahary**, Study of in-setu habitat preference of the stream loach *Aborichthys kempfi* (Chaudhuri, 1913) from Arunachal Pradesh, India.
19. **Wangda Gyatso Gyana** ,Swot Analysis of Tourism Industry in Arunachal Pradesh
20. **Paritosh Chandra Dutta & Arabinda Kherkatary**, A few Constraints to Economic Developments in North East India
21. **Biswajit Maitra**, Poverty, Human Development and Economic Growth in North Eastern Region of India
22. **Mriganka Saikia & Pankaj Saikia**, Economic Impact of Tourism on the people of Tourist Destinations of Assam: A Study on Selected Destinations of Assam through Act East
23. **Nabam Tony, Dhananjay Roy, Tenzin Naksang, Nyayir Riba, Sangha Ake, Sonam Chotton, Sonam Pema, Lobsang Chotton, Tai Piter, Baby Murtem, Gyamar Kapa**, Impact of Urbanization on Environment in North East India: A Study in Assam

**Chair: Dr.Longpoklam Suraj Singh, D.M. College of Arts, Manipur**

**Rapporteur: Mr. Mongol Libang, Mr. Rubu Tani**

**Session –III C  
(Parallel Session-III)**

**3.00P.M.-4.00P.M.**

**Theme: Act East Policy: Domestic Dimensions with Special Reference to Arunachal Pradesh**

24. **Ram Kumar<sup>1</sup>, Santoshkumar Abujam<sup>1</sup>, Bari Dabi<sup>2\*</sup> and D. N. Das<sup>1</sup>** *Lepidocephalichthys guntea* (Hamilton, 1822), a common loach of Arunachal Pradesh as potential Ornamental Fish
25. **Yapung Rimo**, Important of Bamboo in Arunachal Pradesh
26. **Fames Linggi** , Development and Organisation of Production in Indigenous Handloom and Handicraft Activities of Arunachal Pradesh
27. **Dr. R. K. Mishra**, Medicinal Plants in Arunachal Pradesh of India
28. **Asha Nanding& R.M.Pant**, Arunachal Pradesh as a Corridor for Cross Border Tourism through amalgamation of Culture and Religion
29. **Ram Kumar<sup>1\*</sup>, Santoshkumar Abujam<sup>1</sup>, Bari Dabi<sup>2</sup> and Debangshu Narayan Das**, Indigenous Ornamental Fishes of Arunachal Pradesh: Scope and Its Trade
30. **\*Mahendra S. Lodhi, K.S. Kanwal, Wishfully M. and O.P. Arya**, Natural Resources Conservation and Sustainable Livelihood Development in Arunachal Himalaya
31. **Gepi Jini**, Challenges and Prospect of Development paradigm in Arunachal Pradesh with specific focus on Tourism
32. **Todi nalo, Rumpi dutta, Nani tok, Konlom mossang, Binam tali, Bengia mala, choki nijir, Bamang Lucy, Taro Sprang, Rani Singh**, Eco Tourism Industry in Arunachal Pradesh

Chair: **Dr. J. K. Sachdeva**, Editor in Chief, Journal of global Economy

**Session –IVA  
(Parallel Session-IV)**

**4.00P.M.-5.30P.M.**

**Theme: India's Act East Policy: ASEAN, BIMSTEC: Sub Regionalism and Connectivity**

33. **Bondona Lama**, Economic Linkages of North East India with Myanmar and Bangladesh: Role of BIMSTEC
34. **Anand Aran**, Act East Policy and Stillwell Road: Problems and Prospects
35. **Mudang Tagiya** , Poor Connectivity – A Challenge in the North East: An Overview
36. **Rushali Saha**, Look East to Act East: Locating sub regionalism in India's foreign policy
37. **Vivek Mishra**, Strengthening of BIMSTEC and What it means for India's Act East Policy
38. **C.V.Lalmalsawmi**, From Landlocked to Land-Linked: Challenges and Opportunities of the Kaladan Project
39. **Mohammed Reza Fazal Ansari**, Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project
40. **Saranya Basu**, Mekong- Ganga Co-operation: A Platform for Developing Inland Waterways Communication With ASEAN Countries
41. **Rahul Wanshai Rymbai**, BBIN MVA: Opportunities and Challenges for Meghalaya
42. **Suparna Bhattacharjee**, India's 'Act East' Policy: Introspections

Chair: **Dr. Sukalpa Chakrabarti**, Deputy Director, Symbiosis School of International Studies, Pune

Rapporteur: Ms. Dombi Boje, Dr. K. Gambo, Mr. Toku Chokio

**Session IVB**  
**(Parallel Session-V)**  
**4.00P.M.-5.30P.M.**

**Theme: India's Act East Policy: ASEAN, BIMSTEC: Sub Regionalism and Connectivity**

43. **Nitika Indu Singh**, Non-Traditional Security Issues with Special reference to BIMSTEC & ASEAN
44. **Avishek Chanda**, People to people contact and India's Act East Policy
45. **Bijetri Pathak**, Road and Maritime Connectivity: Vital Elements of Act East Policy
46. **Ujan Natic**, India's non-traditional security in the North-East with special emphasis on the Delhi Declaration signed with ASEAN
47. **Ritapriya Nandy**, Contemporary Developments in North East: Building People to People Connectivity
48. **Juhi Mandal**, Cooperation possibilities in Tourism with Southeast Asian countries in context of AEP
49. **Vasundhara Mukherjee**, Role of NER in Cultural Development between India and Southeast Asian Countries
50. **Amit Kumar**, India and the East Asian Security: Prospects and Challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
51. **Baljeet Singh**, Act East Policy & Agriculture: The Way Ahead

**Chair: Dr. A. I. Singh**, OSD (RUSA), Directorate of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Arunachal Pradesh

**Rapporteur: Mr. Gumbin Noshi, Ms. Gepi Jini, Mr. Iken Rumdo**

**7.00p.m.-8.00p.m.: Cultural Events**

**8.00p.m.-9.00 p.m.: Dinner**

**16<sup>th</sup> November, 2018**

**Session V**

**SPECIAL LECTURES -III**

**10.00a.m.-11.00a.m**

**Theme: India's Act East Policy: Strategic Perspectives-II**

- **Professor Biswanath Chakraborty**, Professor, Rabindra Bharati University  
**Theme:** *India and ASEAN Relations during Modi's Government: A New Hope or Complete Dejection?*
- **Dr. Indrashis Banerjee**, Head, Department of Political Science, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math  
**Theme:** *'Development with democracy': Twenty-first century India and her neighbourhood*
- **Dr. Sachin Pardhe**, Department of Civics and Politics, Mumbai University
- **Langpoklakpam Suraj Singh**, Department of Political Science, D.M.College of Arts, Imphal, Manipur
- **Smti Likha Kiran Kabak**, Economic Empowerment through SHGs in Arunachal Pradesh, Deputy Director/Sr. Faculty (RE&PAMORD), State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, ESS- Sector,  
**Theme:** *Geopolitics of Border in India's Act East Policy: The Indo-Myanmar Border Dynamics*

**Chair: Ms. Deepika Saraswat**, Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi

**Rapporteur: Mrs. Liza Mihin, Dr. Bige Yomgam, Mr. Kiron Lonchung**

**TEA BREAK: 11.00 a.m.-11.30p.m.**

**Session-VI**

**Parallel Session VI**

**11.30a.m.-1.00p.m.**

**Theme: India's Act East Policy: Bilateral Issues**

52. **Sukalpa Chakrabarti**, India –Japan Act East Forum: an analysis of the prospects for North East India(NEI)
53. **Avipsa Singh**, Cultural exchange and co-operation between India and China through the 'Look East' perspective
54. **Parna Bhattacharya**, Enhancing Indo-Vietnamese relationship for greater integration with South East Asia
55. **Devendra Bishnoi**, The Act East Policy: A Strategic Policy for Soft Balancing against China?  
**Aditya Kant Ghising**, **The China factor in India's Act East Policy: Reimagining cross-border Relations.**

**Chair: Professor Anindya J. Maumdar, Professor, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University**

**Rapporteur:** Mrs. Amum Tamuk, Mrs. Y. Rimo, Mrs. P. Dutta

**Session VII**

**Parallel Session VI**

**11.30a.m.-1.00p.m.**

**Theme: India's Act East Policy: The Myanmar Factor**

56. **Anwasha Banerjee**, India - Myanmar bilateral trade
57. **Upasana Mishra**, Myanmar Factor n Modi's Act East Policy
58. **Shalini Das**, Examination of the Indo-Myanmar Relations post 2015
59. **Manoswini Sarkar**, Exploring India - Myanmar relations with a special focus on Border Trade
60. **Saiganesh Sritharan**, Exploring the potential soft power and smart power of India to be exerted on Myanmar for better relations between two countries as part of Act East
61. **Atendriya Dana**, India -Myanmar-Thailand Connectivity: Trade Enhancement
62. **Reammy Mega & Tailang Rillung**, A Case Study on Indo-Myanmar Border Trade: Pangsung Pass (Nampong)

**Chair: Professor Shibashis Chatterjee**, Director, School of International Relations and Strategic Studies and Professor, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University

**Rapporteur:** Ms. Nich Menia, Ms. Likha Echir, Ms. G. Ete

**1.00p.m.-2.00p.m.: LUNCH**

**16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018: VALEDICTORY SESSION PROGRAMME**

**2.45 p.m.: Arrival of Hon'ble Governor of Arunachal Pradesh**

**Persons who will receive Hon'ble Governor at Gate:**

**Dr. N.T. Rikam**, Principal, Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar

**Mr. Kumar Tok, Vice-Principal, Dera Natung Govt. College**  
**Dr. Ramakrishna Mandal, Head, Department of Economics, Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar and Convenor, National Conference**  
**Professor Anindya J. Maumdar & Professor Shibashis Chatterjee, Vice-Presidents, The Jadavpur Association of International Relations (JAIR)**  
**Ms. Deepika Saraswat, Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi**  
**Dr. Imankalyan Lahiri, General Secretary, JAIR**

### **Valedictory Session**

**3.00p.m.-4.00p.m.**

3.00p.m.: Arrival of Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh at stage and National Anthem  
3.01p.m.: Felicitation to Hon'ble Governor  
3.02 p.m.: Welcome Remarks by: **Dr. N.T. Rikam, Principal, Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar**  
3.08p.m.: Remarks and presentation of Conference Report by **Dr. Ramakrishna Mandal, Head, Department of Economics, Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar**  
**3.15p.m.Valedictory Address by: His Excellency Brigadier (Dr.) B. D. Mishra, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh**  
3.55p.m. Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks by: **Dr. Imankalyan Lahiri, General Secretary, JAIR**  
4.00p.m. National Anthem and Departure of Hon'ble Governor