

The first ever North-East Green Summit 2016 was organised from November 1 – 5, 2016 at Tura, Meghalaya by VIBGYOR Media Solutions, Eastern Chronicle and North Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus and Don Bosco College, Tura in support with North East Zone – Cultural Center, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, DoNER. Centre for CSR, BRICS CCI felt privileged to be associated to support this green cause. Dr. Sushu Singh, Convener, Centre for CSR, BRICS CCI, Chief Advisor, VIBGYOR Media Solutions & Vice President, Delhi Police Officers' Wives Welfare Society delivered the opening speech of concluding day on November 5, 2016, shared the thoughts and dais with Hon'ble Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, Hon'ble Chief Justice, Meghalaya High Court, Meghalaya, Padmashree Jadav Payeng, Environmentalist, Prof. G. Singhaniah, Pro Vice Chancellor, NEHU, Tura Campus, Meghalaya, Shri C.P. Marak, Chairman, Pollution Control Board, Meghalaya, Ms. Somhita Biswas, CEO, National Medicinal Plant Board, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India, Shri John Borgoyary, Regional Head North-East India, UNDP and Father George Plathottam, Principal, Don Bosco College, Tura.

She clearly mentioned that if we are to maintain a decent living standard on the basis of our habits of high fossil fuels consuming, high energy intensity, irreversible changes in resources would leave us with black & bleak future for our younger generations. So, she left a key message that it's time for strategically positioned North-East (once known for richest Flora and Funa) to send a clean and positive message to the world. North Eastern region, with strong political will, can proceed to have a green economy with conservation of art & culture factor only if together all stakeholders of the society take measure to curb pollution by reducing carbon emission, preventing biodiversity loss, ecosystem damage and enhancing energy and resources efficiency. This would further promote social equity and inclusions which would result in improved health and wellbeing leading to wealth generation, preventing migration and extinction of local tribes.

The 3rd day of the summit was full of relevant activities with a mystic buzz in the air. The day started with **Salami by an elephant as part of the message of conservation** followed by **lighting the ceremonial lamp** by the Chief Guest and other distinguished guests on the dais.

The highlights of the day were

-) **Release of the North-East Green Summit 2016, 'Postal Stamp'** issued by the Postal Department of India. Stamp is of Rs. 5 denomination. The postal stamp is issued to mark the First North-East Green Summit.
-) **Felicitation of Padamshree Jadav Payeng, iconic Environmental Activist** from our own North East India who created a forest and set an example of conservation. For his outstanding and path breaking contribution to the cause of environment, he had been honoured with one of the highest civilian awards Padmashree by the Govt. of India
-) **Inauguration of Art Exhibition** by chief guest and all eminent guests of the city and country it showcased the paintings of Art and Residency workshop by the artists of Lalit Kala Akademy from various institutions of Tura including the differently abled child artists from Montfort School, Tura participated in the art workshop. The workshop was led by Shri Siddhartha Ghosh, Secretary, Lalit Kala Akademy, Eastern Region, Kolkata.
-) The concluding day had 3 important relevant **sessions related to Swachh Bharat, Green Power and enhancing agricultural and industrial potential** were held as parallel activities in 3 different locations to involve maximum number of local educationists, students, NGO's and industries.
-) The day ended with a fervor of **Kerala's famous Voyali Bamboo band and Northeastern cultural troops performed the mind-blowing cultural extravaganza.**
-) **UNDP chief for NE India John Borgiary presents certificate of participation to surrendered militants** who interacted with the panel on sustainable livelihood options available

Indeed we have miles to go, but this futuristic perspective of a better city, state and country by initiating a wakeup call at Tura, Meghalaya by different stakeholders – as Govt. & Non-Govt. organization need to be applauded.



Salami by an elephant as part of our message of conservation



lighting Of ceremonial lamp



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