

Book on boat cliics



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“Hope Floats: [Boat](#) Clinic of the [Brahmaputra](#)”, the book on the innovative [Boat](#) Clinics run by the Centre for [North East](#) Studies and Policy Research([C-NES](#)) was released at the organization’s Annual Review meet at Gangtok recently by the Lok Sabha MP from Sikkim, PD Rai in the presence of Sanjoy Hazarika, Managing Trustee of [C-NES](#) and founder director of the Centre for NE Studies and Policy Research in Jamia Millia Islamia. The book co-authored by Hazarika and [C-NES](#) Communications Officer Bhaswati Khaund Goswamiis and supported by the [National](#) Foundation for [India](#) (NFI). Chairman, [C-NES](#) Board of Trustees, Dr VA PaiPanandiker, Founder [President](#) of the Centre for Policy Research, [New Delhi](#) and Preeti Gill, literary agent and former Consulting Editor of the Publishing House Zubaan were also present.

Speaking on the occasion MrRai said “[C-NES](#) is doing fabulous work with the [Boat](#) Clinics. I would say it is the most comprehensive work in terms of experience. This book would go a long way in terms of letting us know how the untold miseries of people living in such a fragile eco system has been improved by making health and education accessible to them”.

The book is an accounting of the challenges and achievements of the [Boat](#) Clinic programme which started small in 2004-05. The innovative health campaign reaches some of the most marginalized and poorest communities who live on hundreds of inaccessible islands, called saporis, on the river [Brahmaputra](#). There are no [roads](#) here. But, [over](#) a dozen specially-designed boats, conceived and developed by [C-NES](#) and manned by doctors, nurses, lab technicians and pharmacists [as](#) well [as](#) crew, organizers and [community workers](#) reach more than [ten](#) lakh people, pulling them out of a deadly cycle of maternal and infant mortality, disease and poverty conditions which contrast dramatically with the overwhelming beauty of the place. The work hailed nationally and internationally, is extremely arduous for the health teams who are the core of this epic adventure. It has tried both to cover the depth of the work and the risks people face [as](#) well [as](#) the joys of opportunities [as](#) well [as](#) the deep satisfaction of lives saved, conditions improved and services delivered.

[C-NES](#) works extensively on health, education and governance issues. The work [C-NES](#) does in the river islands is inclusive and [community](#) driven bringing in components of communication with its [Community](#) Radio Station, Radio [Brahmaputra](#) in Dibrugarh and Family Planning [as](#) well. [C-NES](#) is supported by the [New Delhi](#) based Population Foundation of [India](#) (PFI) in propagating family planning methods through constant counseling and awareness sessions.

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