

North-East India Conclave 2011



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For the first time, a conclave exclusively focusing on the entire North Eastern region of India was organized in the National Capital on November 6. The conclave was aptly named as- Northeast India Conclave 2011. Attended by dignitaries, the conclave was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Guest, Union Minister for State for Water Resource Development, Mr. Vincent H. Pala along with Former Director of the Intelligence Bureau and prestigious Kirti Chakra awardee Mr. Ajit Doval. The conclave started with a condolence prayer for the departed soul of the maestro & balladeer from the Northeast - Dr. Bhupen Hazarika who left for the heavenly abode a day earlier.



Mrs. Meenakshi Lekhi, Lawyer Supreme Court
Ms. Agatha Sangma, MP
Brijesh Kumar Gupta - Commissioner, Delhi Police
Karma Paljor, CNN-IBN Journalist/anchor

In the first edition of the Northeast India Conclave, the response received from the guests was very encouraging. The discussions on various contemporary topics on the Northeast were witnessed by around 300 people. The event started with its first interactive session, Problems of Students Studying in Delhi & Other Cities which was Chaired by Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Rural Development, Ms. Agatha Sangma along with Commissioner of Police - Delhi Mr. Brijesh Kumar Gupta, Sr. Advocate, Supreme Court of India Ms. Meenakshi Lekhi and TV Media Personality of CNN-IBN, Mr. Karma Paljor.

The second session of the Northeast India Conclave 2011, Northeast: Policy, Their Efficacy and Need for Reforms was chaired by Hon'ble MP from Sikkim, Mr. Prem Das Rai along with Former MP of Arunachal Pradesh Mr. Kiren Rijiju, Former MP of Nagaland Mr. Asungba Sangtam and Prof. (Dr.) A. Bimol Akoijam, from School of Social Sciences, JNU.

The program was exclusively covered by NETV. To make the conclave reach the larger audience the channel ensured LIVE coverage. Sr. Vice-president, Ms. Gargee Bardoloi who was present at the conclave was felicitated for supporting the cause envisioned by Northeast India Conclave and for making the conclave a success as a Media Partner.

After two well attended sessions in the morning, the third & the final session, Northeast Tourism & Its Impact on Cultural Heritage at 3:00 PM was chaired by Hon'ble MP and BJP Spokesperson Mr. Tarun Vijay along with Former Tourism Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Shri Tsona Rinpoche, Senior Journalists Subir Ghosh and Dr. Ashikho Daili, Sr. Vice President – Indian Association for Peace & Friendship with China.

The Northeast India Conclave 2011 came to an end with a beautiful traditional song by Mizoram artists. The response from the people from the Northeast residing in Delhi and NCR was overwhelming.

The next edition of Northeast India Conclave 2012 will be hosted in Delhi.

- **Rik Yn Namchoom, New Delhi**

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