

North East Connectivity Summit

With 5300 kms of international boundary, the North East frontier of India lies ensconced in centre of a very dynamic and economically resurgent region of South East Asia comprising of countries like Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar.

The economic potential of a region flagged by some vibrant economies is enormous but, the NE region as a whole have been unable to capitalize on the geo-strategic advantage of sharing international borders with several countries.

With the potential to be the hub of economic activity for entire South East Asia, the region has so far been lagging because of inadequate connectivity infrastructure in the North East in terms of surface and air transport, regulatory and bureaucratic bottlenecks, poor diplomatic and people to people connect with neighbouring countries, deficient investors' interest in the region etc.

On the above backdrop, the North East Connectivity Summit (NECS) was conceived and designed by FICCI in 2014. The summit was designed as a cross sectoral initiative with the objective of highlighting the connectivity gaps and proposing a comprehensive connectivity agenda for the Northeast Region. Encouraging private sector investment in connectivity infrastructure was further built into the program.

During last 3 years, NECS helped bringing into focus the opportunities in developing connectivity of North East and its associated strategic and economic advantages for the entire India. The summit has metamorphosed into a unique platform for strategic dialogue between various stakeholders including government of India, BBIN and South Asian countries, Private sector and others.

Connect North East 2017

On the backdrop of some key recommendations of the past Connectivity Summits finding reflection in major Government initiatives, the 4th Edition of North East Connectivity Summit promises to pose and seek answers to some critical questions on regional and cross border connectivity that may pose itself in the upcoming days. The biggest opportunity and challenge being, people to people connectivity and how to leverage common heritages.

With these questions in the agenda, the 4th edition of the Connectivity Summit is being organized in Kohima the capital of Nagaland. Known for successfully establishing the Hornbill Festival as the biggest cultural show in NE, Nagaland is a land of tremendous diversity and potential. It has 16 different tribes and all with its own festivals. It's a treat for the revellers to witness the zeal and enthusiasm of each of these festivals.

The theme for this year is **'Act East from Nagaland'**. This is particularly apt because of its shared boundary with Myanmar which has now emerged as a democratic country. It is envisaged that Nagaland, due to its unique location, may become the connecting link between Northeast India and Myanmar.

While the focus of the Summit will remain on building Physical & Digital connectivity, market linkages, etc in the region; Connect North East 2017 will have additional flavour of biodiversity and bridging cultural diversity between the region and our neighbouring countries. The deliberations will be moderated to strategize connectivity and infrastructure development for creation of wealth in the area of Social, Economic and Ecological Enterprises

The Conference Flow

Connect North East 2017 is designed to be a dynamic conference rather than a rigidly structured one. The program will flow based on questions which needs answering.

It will start by asking how it panned out so far and where we are heading, the vision, achievements and targets.

The program will try to throw light on the outcomes from past deliberations, recommendations and achievements. Some of the endorsements which have found reflection in various government initiatives will be shared with the delegates.

From there the conference will flow towards identification of border locations, developing complementarities in Nagaland and rest of North East. This will be complemented with deliberations on developing border infrastructure like roads, trade centres, integrated check post, border haats etc. Additionally, Trade Facilitation & Policy Environments required will be discussed amongst the stakeholders including the state governments and the central government agencies.

Thereon, the program will move towards designing a combined sustainable strategy for connectivity within and without Northeast Region. Here the focus will be on overland, inland waterways, air and digital connectivity.

Finally the summit will deliberate on shared resources like biodiversity, bamboo and communalities like culture to bridge the people to people gap between the countries and within the region thus creating social wealth through connectivity.

**CONNECT NORTH EAST 2017****The North East Connectivity Summit**

*Infra And Inter State Connectivity - with NE States
and Myanmar*

ACT EAST FROM NAGALAND

Creating Sustainable Economic Development in the
North East Region the Physical and People to People
Connectivity

Creating and leveraging sub regional connectivity

21st – 23rd September 2017

NBCC Convention Centre, Kohima

<http://northeastconnectivity.in/>

About the program:

The 3-Day summit will start with a briefing and networking dinner on 21st September 2017 (Thursday).

The second day will have the inaugural session in the morning. Following the inaugural session there will be 3 breakaway sessions, one on 'Impact of International Connectivity Initiatives' another on 'BIMSTEC and Sub-regional Economic Integration & Sustainable Development' and a special strategy session for the Policy Makers named 'Policy Makers Forum'. Day 2 will break at 5.30 pm. Participants can join in the morning session after proper registration at the venue.

Day-2 will have sessions on Physical Connectivity which would include the roads, railways and inland waterways. Along with it there will be a round table on 'Leveraging Digital Connectivity'. The second half of the day will have interesting and intriguing sessions on People to People Connectivity and Harnessing Shared Natural Resources. Here the discussions will involve power & energy, tourism, shared resources and Bio-diversity of the region as well as the entire South-East Asian belt.

Following this there will be the closing session. During the closing session, effort will be made to make available all the recommendations made during the entire summit in form of a document. The closing session will also have the additional component of passing on the program responsibility to Arunachal Pradesh to co-host the North-east connectivity summit 2018.

In the evening of 23rd September there will be a cultural event showing the traditions of Nagaland as well as performance of troops from Myanmar.

How to Reach Kohima

By Train: All trains coming to Tinsukia/ Dibrugarh passes through Dimapur Railway Station. From Dimapur, one can reach Kohima by road which is around 2 hrs journey.

By Air: The only airport in Nagaland which is connected with major cities of India is Dimapur Airport. From Dimapur, one can reach Kohima by road *Following is the list of major cities which are connected by air with Dimapur:-*

New Delhi-Dimapur

Air India via Kolkata/ Indigo via Kolkata

Mumbai-Dimapur

Air India via Kolkata/ Indigo via Delhi and Kolkata

Chennai-Dimapur

Air India via Kolkata/ Indigo via Kolkata

Bangalore--Dimapur

Indigo via Kolkata/ Air India via Kolkata

Guwahati-Dimapur

Indigo via Kolkata/ Air India via Kolkata

Kolkata-Dimapur

Indigo direct flight/ Air India direct flight

Air connectivity of Nagaland with Bangladesh and Myanmar

Dhaka (Bangladesh) - Dimapur

Air India via Kolkata

Jet airways via Kolkata

By Biman Bangladesh to Kolkata and then by Air India to Dimapur

Rangoon (Myanmar)-Dimapur

- By Tiger air to Singapore- By Air India express to Kolkata- By Indigo to Dimapur
- By Myanmar airways to Bangkok- By spicejet to Kolkata- By indigo to Dimapur

Program Schedule (Agenda)

Day 1: Thursday 21st September'17
Welcome Note and Briefing followed by Dinner

Day 2: Wednesday 21st September'17

INAUGURAL SESSION

North East Connect: How it panned out and where we are heading: Mr. Ranjit Barthakur, Chairman, FICCI, NE

Welcome Address Industries & Commerce, Nagaland

Video clip on "Opportunities in Nagaland"

Success Stories from Nagaland: Business and People to People Connectivity

- Top 3 Entrepreneurs from Nagaland
- All Tribes from Nagaland in Alphabetic Order
- Top NGOs from Nagaland

Special remarks

- Myanmar, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, China
- New Development Bank, UNDP
- LIC Finance, SBI, Yes Bank
- Chief Secretary, Nagaland

Special Address

- Industry Minister, Nagaland
- NITI Ayog
- CMs of NE States

Theme Note

Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways

Inaugural Address

Chief Minister, Nagaland

Concl. Remarks

FICCI

Day 2: Round Table Discussions

Theme: Act East from Nagaland-Infrastructure

Breakaway 1

Impact of International Connectivity Initiatives

- **Economic Corridors:** OBOR, The IMT Corridor, BBIN and BCIM Corridors;
- **Trans Asian Connectivity**

Breakaway 2

BIMSTAC & Sub regional Economic Integration

- Revisiting the treaties
- New initiatives
- Potential for private sector participation

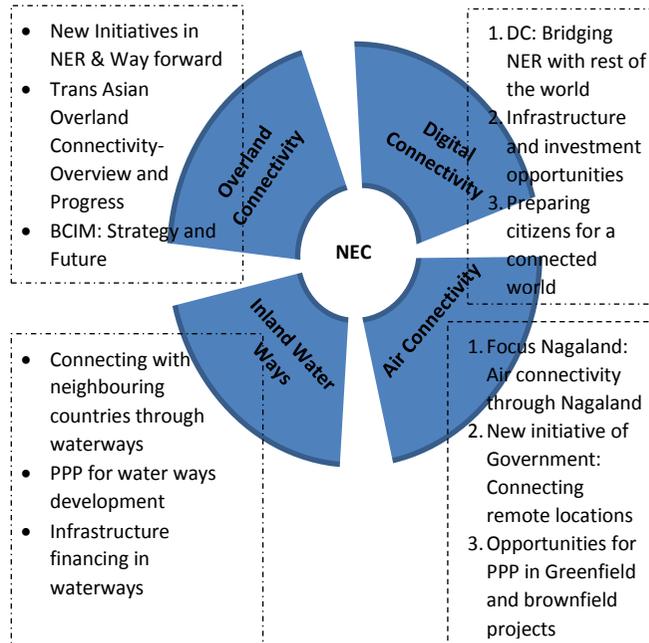
Breakaway 3

Policy Makers Forum

A roundtable of policy discussion between the MPs of the NE Region and the representatives of Union Government

Day 2: Round Table Discussions

Physical Connectivity



Day 3: Saturday 23rd September'17

Day 3: Session 1: Round Table Discussions

Breakaway 5

Interactive Roundtable on Leveraging Digital Connectivity

- New Developments:
- IOT: New opportunities in a connected world
- Mitigating Cyber Security Threats
- Digital Citizenship: Connectivity and Empowerment
- Investor Interest
- Regional and sub-regional digital Infrastructure

Break away 6

People to People Connectivity

- Traditional Connect
- Tourism
- Sports & Culture

Break away 7

Harnessing Shared Natural Resources

- Biodiversity
- Naturomics
- Bamboo
- Harnessing Shared Resources: Rivers, Hydro-power, Oil & Gas, Mineral Resources

CONCLUDING SESSION

- Welcome Note
- **Recommendations and Strategy Papers from NECS'17**
- *Handing over to State Governments, Govt. of India, Representatives of SE Asian Countries, Other Chambers, etc. for Action*
- Remarks
- Valedictory Address
- Address by NECS'17 Hosts
- Concluding Address
- Vote of Thanks

Cultural Evening

People to People Connectivity
 Cultural Troops Performance