

Abstract

Global Initiative For Sustainable development and Planning : Engaging a discourse in natural capitalism,natural resource management and conflict resolution in North East India.

Contemporary society is increasingly grappling with the contradiction posed by a demanding and rapidly growing population and limited natural resources available for its sustenance. Responding to this context will require a paradigm shift, but since the debates are strongly grounded in academia and intelligentsia, somehow they appear exclusive and elitist. If we are to make any concrete progress towards social change and a shift towards a new society that ensures a sustainable way of life on earth we have to ensure dissemination of its broader tenets through outreach, sharing, replication and scaling. This lecture will focus on one such initiative Global Initiative For Sustainable Development and Planning GISDP www.gisdp.org a collaborative venture from North East India that seeks to redefine the role of economy and business through social innovations founded on creative and critical thinking on Natural capitalism, Natural resource management and conflict resolution in North East India. GISDP is committed to searching possibilities of adopting new tools, models and strategies that are accessible and local yet profound with visions of equity, universal justice.

This lecture will highlight the current scenario of challenges, explore ways by which we can create alternatives to build a society that is shareable with everybody, promotes stability, human rights and democracy, and finally locate North East India in the Global discourse of Sustainability to unearth embedded lessons of sustainable living in the indigenous worldview of local communities like, common property resources, local governance, that effectively ensure natural resource management, community participation, and equity.