

**Environmental Security in India's Northeast: Climate Change, Land Degradation and
Circles of Conflict
Roundtable Discussions**

**Organised by Calcutta Research Group
21 February 2026
Don Bosco Kharguli, Guwahati**

Programme Schedule

9.30 am - 10.00 am: Welcome and Introductory Remarks: Shyamalendu Majumdar and Sumona DasGupta

10.00 am - 10.45 am: Keynote Address: Mahesh Rangarajan
In Search of a Balance: State and Societies in times of Environmental Transformation

10.45 am - 11.00 am: Tea Break

11.00 am - 1.30 pm: Roundtable 1: Reflections on India's Northeast: Assam, Nagaland, Manipur

Chair: Shyamalendu Majumdar

Speakers

Hijam Liza Rihmo: *Environmental Crises and Conflict in Northeast India: A Theoretical Analysis*

Debashree Chakraborty: *Political Ecology of Assam: Observations from the Barak Valley*

Narayan Sharma: *The Politics of Conservation in Assam: Implications for Environmental Security and Social Conflict*

Amba Jamir: *Environmental Security and Human Security in Upland Indigenous Contexts: Reframing Rural Development from Northeast India*

Arambam Noni: *Greening Laws and Civil Society: Reflections from Manipur*

Dimgong Rongmei: *Climate Change, the Push for Development and the Challenge of Sustaining the Environment*

Lead Discussants: Mrinal Gohain and Timothy Khongsai

1.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Lunch Break

2.30 pm - 4.30 pm: Roundtable 2: Reflections on India's Northeast: Mizoram, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura

Chair: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury

Speakers

Rakhee Kalita Moral: *Securing Homes and Habitat: Gendered Landscapes in Northeast India*

Mary Vanlalthanpuii: *Ecofeminism in Mizoram: Women, Environment and Livelihood Security*

Snigdhendu Bhattacharya: *Northeast's Brightening Mining Prospect: Should We Worry or Cheer? Observations from Meghalaya*

Swargajyoti Gohain: *Infrastructure, Ecology and Security: Notes from Arunachal Pradesh*

Debraj Deb: *Land, Identity, Resource Politics and Conflict in Tripura*

Lead Discussants: Anjuman Ara Begum and Immanuel Varte

4.30 pm - 5.00 pm: Reflections and Q+A with Mahesh Rangarajan

Moderator: Sumona DasGupta

Reflections: Immanuel Varte

Lead Discussant: Shatabdi Das

5.00 pm - 5.10 pm: Closing Comments and Vote of Thanks: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury