

PROFILE OF SPEAKERS

- ➔ **Shri B.G. Verghese**

Shri B.G. Verghese is a columnist and author. Currently he is visiting professor at the Centre for Policy Research; Chairman, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative.
- ➔ **Kumari Agatha K. Sangma**

Kumari Agatha K. Sangma is a Member of Parliament of India (MP), and part of the 15th Lok Sabha. She represents the Tura constituency of Meghalaya state, and won the Indian parliamentary elections as a candidate of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP).
- ➔ **Dr Thokchom Meinya**

Dr Thokchom Meinya is a member of the Lok Sabha who is currently serving his second consecutive term. He represents the Inner Manipur constituency of Manipur and won the elections as a party candidate of the Indian National Congress (INC) political party.
- ➔ **Ms Patricia Mukhim**

Ms Patricia Mukhim is an educationist, activist and journalist. She is currently editor of The Shillong Times, Meghalaya's oldest English language daily and a columnist for The Telegraph and The Statesman. Patricia Mukhim is a member of the National Security Advisory Board and National Foundation for Communal Harmony, under the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.
- ➔ **Mr Pradyot Manikya Deb Burman**

Mr Pradyot Deb Burman is the Chairman and Editor of The Northeast Today Magazine, the largest selling monthly magazine in the Northeastern Region. Pradyot is the son of the last King of Tripura, and Chairs the Royal Tripura Foundation.
- ➔ **Mr Luke Haokip**

Mr Luke Haokip is the co-founder, co-editor and publisher of Mindfields, a Journal for Ideas and Learning.
- ➔ **Ms Binalakshmi Nepam**

Ms Binalakshmi Nepam is an author-civil rights activist from Manipur who is spearheading work on making women-led disarmament a movement and meaningful issue. She co-founded Contro Arms Foundation and the Manipur Women Gun Survivor Network.
- ➔ **Dr Anuradha Chenoy**

Dr Anuradha M. Chenoy is Professor, in the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi. She works on International Relations, Russia, Central Asia and Gender issues.
- ➔ **Dr Jyotsna Chatterji**

She was the former Professor of English Literature at University of Calcutta and District Commissioner. She is heading several organizations and initiatives concerning gender issues and child development.

- ➔ **Ms Rita Manchanda**

Ms Rita Manchanda, Research Director for South Asia Forum for Human Rights, is a journalist, writer, scholar, and human rights activist. Currently she is directing a multi country research programme on “Human Rights & Peace Audits of ‘Partitions’ as a Method of Resolving Ethno-Nationalist Conflicts”. In addition, Ms. Manchanda is a founder and national committee member of the Pakistan India People’s Forum for Peace and Democracy.
- ➔ **Mr Sudeep Chakravarti**

Mr Sudeep is the author of two works of narrative non-fiction, and three novels. In 2008 Penguin/Viking published his Red Sun: Travels in Naxalite Country, a best-selling, critically fêted work of narrative non-fiction about India’s ongoing Maoist rebellion. His latest work, Highway 39: Journeys through a Fractured Land has been just released by 4th Estate, an imprint of HarperCollins.
- ➔ **Ms Ajailiu Niumai**

Ms Ajailiu Niumai is the Associate Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy, University of Hyderabad (UoH). She is also the Joint faculty at Centre for Women’s Studies, UoH.
- ➔ **Ms Barnali Das**

Ms Barnali Das is a Delhi based professional specializing in Communication with more than 14 years of experience in TV News and lifestyle programming. She is currently heading the Media, Communication and Advocacy Domain at the National Mission for Empowerment of Women under the aegis of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India. Her film on "Sexual harassment at work-place", produced for IGNOU, was much appreciated and has been screened in several women’s colleges and other institutes in Delhi for raising awareness.
- ➔ **Ms Teresa Rehman**

Ms Teresa Rehman is an award-winning journalist and founder-editor of The Thumb Print, an online news magazine (www.thethumbprintmag.com). She has worked with leading media houses in India like India Today magazine, The Telegraph and Tehelka news magazine and has consistently been trying to highlight the myriad hues of the hitherto unexplored and conflict-torn region.
- ➔ **Mr Karmar Paljor**

Mr Karma Paljor is currently the Business Editor of CNBC TV18. Mr Karma Paljor has been a journalist for over 11 years.
- ➔ **Mr Utpal Borpujari**

Mr Utpal Borpujari is a senior journalist and film critic from Assam, based in New Delhi since 1994. He has written extensively on politics, society, culture, cinema and North-East India as a journalist working for The Sentinel, PTI, indiatimes.com and Deccan Herald.
- ➔ **Ms Lianboi Vaiphei**

Ms Lianboi Vaiphei teaches Political Science in Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi University since 2006. She hails from the northeastern states of Manipur and has been domiciled in Shillong, Meghalaya.

- ➔ **Dr Samson Chiru**

Dr Samson Chiru is a postdoctoral fellow from Northeast Studies Programme, Jawaharlal Nehru University. He has in his credit one book published and several papers presented and published. He served as a senior research officer at National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minority, Government of India, Second Scheduled Areas and Tribes Commission.
- ➔ **Ms Elizabeth Imti**

She is an Assistant Professor, Fazal Ali College, Mokokchung, Nagaland .She is also a sociologist from Nagaland, who researches and writes on social issues such as gender and violence, peace and conflict.
- ➔ **Mr John Hingkung**

John Hingkung studied Commerce at Loyola College, Chennai and an active blogger since 2004. In 2010, he started - Stop Discriminating People from Northeast India, an online social campaign on Facebook. Today his campaign blog has over 23,000 daily subscribers and well-wishers. Recently, he has quit a Marketing Job at Tapflo Industrial Pumps, to pursue his own upcoming venture www.sevendairy.com to cover the culture, travel and lifestyle of the Northeast region.
- ➔ **Mr Fleming Ch Marak**

At present he is the President of Delhi A'chik Youth Association (DAYA), a non-political student organization of Garo Community, which works for the Students as well as working professions in Delhi and NCR. On 2nd June 2012 they formed an organisation with other North-East students organization called North East Students Federation (NESF) so that they can work in together and in unity where he was elected as the General Secretary of NESF.
- ➔ **Ms Gitanjali More**

She is the Programme Co-ordinator of Democracy and Conflict, International Politics, Heinrich Boell Foundation, New Delhi. The basic objectives of the programme being to further peace education, conflict prevention and strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and democratisation.
- ➔ **Mr Oinam Goldflag Meetei**

Mr Oinam Goldflag is an MA, MPhil in Political Science. He is a peace practitioner from Manipur. He holds an MPhil degree with dissertation entitled "A Study of Autonomous District Council Election in Manipur: A Case Study on 2010 Election" from IGNTU, Regional Campus, Manipur.
- ➔ **Ms RK Sujata**

She is the Programme Associate of Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network and Control Arms Foundation of India. She is also assisting women survivors of Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network find a market for their handmade products & helped in designing the brand logo of the network called "Leihao".