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Miss World Japan to work for jumbo conservation

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Guwahati: Miss World Japan 2016 Priyanka Yoshikawa has expressed interest in elephant conservation in northeast India and will visit the state for a biodiversity conservation conference here in November. Balipara Foundation, which has been organizing the annual Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics forum, has confirmed that Priyanka will attend the conference on November 2 and 3.

Over the years, this forum has seen participation of different stakeholders involved in biodiversity conservation for promoting 'Naturenomics', through sustainable development especially in the biodiversity-rich eastern Himalayas. The forum provides a platform to recognize the role of botany and of communities in the conservation of ecosystems.



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MISS WORLD JAPAN, 2016

Priyanka will be visiting the Eastern Himalayan Botanic Ark, a biodiverse haven in the eastern Himalayas, which has been nurtured and grown by villages that live around the Ark. Balipara Foundation said Priyanka, a certified elephant trainer, feels passionately about the well-being of elephants and wants to help in jumbo conservation.

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tourism between India, Japan and Asia through her support to the cause. She will be exploring the wildlife friendly tea plantations in Assam and honouring the heroes of conservation — mahouts and forest guards, who work tirelessly to protect our natural treasures,” a Balipara Foundation statement said.

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tiative. I envisage great collaboration between Japan and India in 2017, the year of friendship,” the foundation quoted Priyanka. The statement also said Priyanka, who has roots in India, is an advocate of human and elephant coexistence and espouses the welfare of communities living in forest areas. She is also concerned about the habitat loss of Asian elephants, it added.

“Priyanka calls herself ‘Indian at heart’. Proud of the picturesque heritage of Japan, she is equally excited about her visit to the country and to celebrate the diversity of nature, arts, history and culture with its people. She will be travelling to Assam from November 1 to 5,” the statement said.

Young voices like Priyanka are the biggest hopes for conservation, said Ranjit Barthakur, founder-trustee of Balipara Foundation.

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Priyanka (managed by La Ditta Limited, Japan and Maida Enterprises Private Limited, India) has been a role model for Young Japan and Young India for representing the rich bio-cultural heritage of both the nations with pride and will be delivering the sub keynote at the Forum to evangelize ‘Community Conservation and Social Mobility’. Concerned about the welfare of communities that live in the forests and the lost habitats of Asian Elephants, she emphasises on community conservation for living in harmony with nature and to help restore safe habitats for humans and elephants.

Over the years, Japan and India have been closely attached through cultural exchange and the common goal of wildlife protection. A certified elephant trainer, Priyanka feels passionately about the well-being of elephants and got the Laos National Certification so she could personally do something to help elephants. She hopes to foster Eco-Elephant Tourism in India, Japan and elsewhere in Asia through her support to the cause. She will be exploring the wildlife friendly tea plantations of Assam.