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Rural Futures in the Eastern Himalayas

Telling Nature's story through compelling & thought-provoking narratives. Compilation of Videos Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017

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1) Telling Nature's story – Rural Futures in the Eastern Himalayas 2017

Documentaries



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Voices of the Communitieshttp://bit.ly/2D6zRqI

The Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum has been a platform to foster grassroots leaders in community conservation and provide a platform to showcase their efforts in conservation of our nature capital. The film captures their participation in the Forum in 2017 and local solutions that need to be implemented and have shown success in conservation through empowering local communities.



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2018 : Rural Futures http://bit.ly/2D5Yeov

At the Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017, we <u>launched the concept of Rural Futures</u>. Researchers, scholars, academics, corporates, NGOs and Universities from India and globally collaborate at the Forum to discuss developmental plans for Rural Futures towards creating socialenvironmental and economic interdependence in the Eastern Himalayas

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Rural Futures- Udalguri Landscape Mission- <u>http://bit.ly/2ApeYKE</u>

Rural Futures: Udalguri Landscape Mission is an outcome of the realization that the real decision makers of biodiversity conservation are the people that share space with it – the forest fringe communities. Our aim is to work with these communities through projects that will enhance social and economic mobility thereby providing them with the capacity and opportunity to take educated & voluntary decisions, ultimately leading towards conservation of biodiversity and sustainable futures



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Seeds - Eastern Himalayan Botanic Ark <u>http://bit.ly/2mYR5na</u>

Seeds - Eastern Himalayan Botanic Ark by Ruella Rahman Khound & her crew captures the journey of our community led project that aims to preserve & conserve flora & fauna of the Eastern Himalayas. This film is close to our heart as it showcases our learnings from the local communities to restore the valuable biodiversity in the region

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2) Rural Futures in the Eastern Himalayas 2017

Sessions at the Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017

Day 1



• Promises We Made: Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Launch by Ranjit Barthakur

http://bit.ly/2oZk9bU

Ranjit Barthakur, Founder Trustee of Balipara Foundation revisits promises made at the Eastern Himalayan Naturenomincs[™] Forum 2017 & introduces the launch of the concept Rural Futures, developed by Balipara Foundation that promotes socio-environmental and economic interdependence



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Rural Futures: Concepts & Launch <u>http://bit.ly/2D8Y53M</u>

Designing Holistic Models for Human-Centric Community-based Conservation. Saurav Malhotra, Designer Rural Futures introduces Rural Futures, a holistic plan encompassing all human needs and one, and allows wildlife to strive alongside. The session focuses on exploring developmental plans for RuFu.

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Rural Futures: Integrating Conservation & Livelihoods <u>http://bit.ly/2oSFaG3</u>

The session focuses on the integration of conservation efforts and employment generation, promoting alternative livelihoods through Naturenomics[™] for socio-economic equality



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Rural Futures: Forests & People <u>https://bit.ly/2G7Ga3Z</u>

Rural Futures: Forests & People- Community Forests or Protected Forests? The session focuses the dialogue on forest fringe communities and how social and economic empowerment of these communities is imperative to the survival of our forests

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Rural Futures: Natural Assets & Capital

http://bit.ly/2tqsUBl

The session focuses on Biodiversity Assets vs. Human Aspirations. Complementing the Future of Economics with Mindfulness. Exploring the topics of creating a valuation model of our natural assets and alternative ways in which we can enhance conservation efforts. We explore alternative business models such as crowdfunding & impact investing to build social impact funds



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Circular Economy – Opportunities in India <u>http://bit.ly/2D8Je9u</u>

Arpit Bhutani from the Ellen McArthur Foundation talks about the goal of the Foundation to accelerate the transition and transformation to a circular economy globally. Circular economy is a regenerative system in which resource input and waste are minimised by slowing, closing, and narrowing energy and material loops

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Rural Futures: Eco-Architecture <u>http://bit.ly/2oXydCL</u>

The session explores architectural regeneration & the planning of eco-friendly human habitats through sustainable design and the use of local construction materials



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Rural Futures: Conservation & Nature Tourism

http://bit.ly/2G8u6MA

The session focuses on how tourism can be used to fuel conservation efforts, enhance public awareness and leverage our rich natural heritage to generate alternate sources of revenue

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Rural Futures: Education <u>http://bit.ly/2FCjKH2</u>

The Classroom is Wild - Natural Spaces have significant benefits for everyone. But how do you go about creating one? This session enhances and exchanges practical and effective ideas for incorporating nature play and knowledge into our programs and curriculum. We explore innovative models of education for sustainability through community-integrated entrepreneurial learning in a natural environment



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Rural Futures: Green Energy & Technology <u>http://bit.ly/2FqT08X</u>

From Water to the Sun - This session focuses on renewable energy and discusses remote and offgrid energy solutions and also ways of converting waste matter to energy

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Rural Futures: Water Access <u>http://bit.ly/2oRL4aw</u>

The Ground Water Conundrum – The session focuses on exploring solutions to water- scarcity by harnessing the power of traditional water channels and rainfall. In addition, this session discusses water filtration possibilities for remote and off- grid locations



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Rural Futures : Healthcare <u>http://bit.ly/2DbrHxn</u>

Affordable Health Care for all in the Rural Eastern Himalayas – The session focuses on making healthcare accessible & affordable for the rural communities & ensuring the availability of nutrition for children

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Rural Futures - Climate Change <u>http://bit.ly/2oVom1d</u>

Climate Change in the Eastern Himalayan Biosphere - The objective of the session is to address vulnerabilities of mountain ecosystems to climate change and ways of building resilience

Day 2



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Trumpeting the Wild <u>http://bit.lv/2G5ZZFA</u>

Elements Essential for Developing and Implementing Keystone Species Conservation Programmes, using the Elephant as a Mascot – This session explores collaborating and brainstorming integrated solutions and targeted action plans for the preservation and conservation of this most iconic species. The session is introduced by our guests of honour – Khun Sivaporn Dardarananda from the Elephant Reintroduction Foundation, Miss World Japan, 2016, Miss Priyanka Yoshikawa and Dr. K. K. Sarma from the Assam Agricultural University. Taking the conversation ahead on a global platform.

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Even Elephants Have a Secretariat: <u>https://bit.ly/2HUHinG</u>

A Digital haven for conservation – The session talks about the journey of the online platform "The Asian Elephant Secretariat" and its role in making Asian Elephant Conservation more collaborative and impactful.



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017:Legalism in Shaping Policies <u>http://bit.ly/2G3ZEmC</u>

Law & Policy – an Environmental Perspective towards Effective & Inclusive Policies for Ecosystem The objective of the session has been to explore reforms required in governance & policy that will have a lasting impact on making conservation more participatory, hence, more effective. We explore how we can leverage effective and inclusive policies for ecosystems

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Storytellers on the Frontline <u>http://bit.ly/2oP8xIw</u>

The Role of Print, Social & Digital Media in Conservation- The session explores the role of media in shaping environmental awareness, relevance of responsible reporting and engaging story- telling to reach out to the masses



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Biocultural Diversity Preservation Programmes <u>http://bit.ly/2Fq9BJQ</u>

Learning from the People of the Land- This session explores Conservation through the world of botany, address issues and evangelize innovative ideas for Community- based Conservation

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Communities Speak <u>http://bit.ly/2oUMxvU</u>

Voices of the people from the Land - Grassroots leaders tell their story



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Resolutions and Outcomes <u>http://bit.ly/2toJEcn</u>

Based on the dialogue over 2 days of the Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, Mansi Parikh, Balipara Foundation reveals the most agreed upon outcomes and defines the path ahead for conservation actions at Balipara Foundation and in the Eastern Himalayas

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3) Environmental Crusaders of the Eastern Himalayas Balipara Foundation Awardees



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Annual Balipara Foundation Awardee (Dhan Bahadur Gurung) <u>http://bit.ly/2FzacfD</u>

The Annual Balipara Foundation Award 2017 was conferred to Dr. Dhan Bahadur. Gurung from Bhutan for Ecological Restoration in the region. The Award was presented by renowned television Journalist Bahar Dutt



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: The Naturenomics[™] Awardee (Sagir Ahmed) <u>http://bit.ly/2tv53R4</u>

The Naturenomics[™] Award was conferred to Sagir Ahmed for his sustainable use of waste coconut shells in Assam. The Award was presented by Naoko Ghosh, Yoga & Forest Walk Expert

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Green Journalist Awardee (Amit Patro)

The Green Journalist Award goes to Amit Patro from Sikkim for reforming the role of Publications as a tool for raising awareness on socio-economic empowerment of the Sikkimese Society & environmental causes in Sikkim. The Award was presented by Priyanka Bista, Design Director and Co-Founder of the KTK-BELT Project



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017-Eastern Himalayan Conservation Awardee – Bhairabkhunda <u>https://bit.ly/2FX4RQm</u>

The Eastern Himalayan Conservation Award goes to Joint Forest Management Committee of Bhairabkhunda for their afforestation work in the conflict & violence infested area of Udalguri resulting in to more forest cover and shelter to the Wildlife in the region. The Award was presented by Krishan Aggarwal from Vivanta by Taj, Guwahati

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Young Naturalist Awardee -Hiskiya Sangma <u>https://bit.ly/2DSDUaJ</u>

Young Naturalist Award was conferred to Hiskiya Sangma, who has leveraged technology & storytelling to raise awareness on Wildlife Conservation & to highlight environmental stewards. The Award was presented by Khun Rochana Dardaranada, Thailand's first speech pathologist



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Farmers of Omita Gaon (Assam's papaya village) <u>https://bit.ly/2HWAmXf</u>

The Food for the Future Award was conferred to Krishna Bodo of Omita Gaon (Assam's papaya village) where under his initiative Community based farming are changing rural livelihoods. The Award was presented by renowned botanist Scott McMahan from the Atlanta Botanical Garden

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Green Guru Awardee Dr. Sourabh Deb, Tripura, India <u>http://bit.ly/2HgFPYz</u>

The Green Guru Award goes to Dr. Sourabh Deb of Tripura University for inspiring a new generation of environmental stewards through education for sustainability and compassion for Nature. The Award was presented by Elsa Hart, an American Novelist and Climate Change Research Specialist in China & Nepal



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Nature Conservancy Awardee Bhutan Glory Eco Club <u>http://bit.lv/2oPEmSr</u>

The Nature Conservancy Award was conferred to Bhutan Glory Eco Club (Tsuseki & Limthure) for shifting the mindset of the youth of Nagaland through awareness and education, from a hunting culture to connecting to Nature and preserving our natural heritage. The Award was presented by Sarala Khailing, Regional Director at Ashoka Tree for Research in Ecology and the Environment

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017:Forest Guards & Rangers Awardee - Khagen Bhuyan, Assam <u>http://bit.ly/2FnrcSQ</u>

The Annual Balipara Awards for Forest Ranger & Guards of the Eastern Himalayas was conferred to Forest Guard Khagen Bhuyan from Assam for his valuable contribution towards synergizing community conservation and Wildlife conservation. The Award was presented by Prerna Singh Bindra, who has been at the forefront of the battle to conserve India's wildlife for over a decade



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Lifetime Service Award: Haokholet Kipgen <u>https://bit.ly/2Gjwm5Y</u>

The Lifetime Service Award was conferred to Former Cabinet Minister, Govt. of Manipur, Haokholet Kipgen for embodying the core values of sustainable development through Foundation for Environment and Economic Development Services. The Award was presented by His Excellency President of Central Tibetan Administration, Dr. Lobsang Sangay

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017, Forest Guards & Rangers Awardee Zakhuma Don at BFA 2017 <u>http://bit.ly/2FlsGkD</u>

The Forest Rangers and Guards of the Eastern Himalayas was Forest Guard Zakhuma Don from Mizoram for his relentless anti-poaching patrols and for leveraging technology and innovation to create a rich repository of natural history in audio-visual. The Award was presented by S.K. Dutta



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Forest Guards & Rangers Awardee - Chakrapani Rai, Assam - <u>http://bit.lv/2D3Ioux</u>

The Annual Balipara Awards for Forest Ranger & Guards of the Eastern Himalayas was conferred to Forest Guard Chakrapani Rai from Assam for his resolve to wipe out poachers from the region in order to protect the Natural Heritage. The Award was presented by Gen (Rtd.) Arun Sahni



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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017:Forest Guards & Rangers Awardee - Jampel Lhendup, Bhutan <u>http://bit.ly/2D5pZxy</u>

The fourth Ranger & Guards of the Eastern Himalayas goes to Forest Guard Jampel Lhendup from Bhutan for effectively using Technology to deepen Conservation Impacts. The Award was presented by Arita Kashyap, Eco-Fashion Designer, India



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Special Recognition- Mainu Marak <u>http://bit.ly/2IbhhBM</u>

The Special Recognition Award- Environmental & Social Activist was conferred to Mainu Marak from Sonitpur, Assam for socio-economic upliftment of rural women in her village. The Award was presented by Prof. Peter Mortimer at the Kunming Institute of Botany, a specialist in soil ecology

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Special Recognition Awardees Jahnabi Phookan and Ashish Phookan. <u>http://bit.ly/2Au00Wx</u>

The Special Recognition Award 2017 was conferred to Jahnabi Phookan and Ashish Phookan from Assam for pioneering long-distance river cruises in Assam. The Award was presented by Prof. Koyu Furusawa, Kokugakuin University, Japan

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Highlights from the Balipara Foundation Awards



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Preserving Tibet - His Excellency Dr. Lobsang Sangay <u>http://bit.ly/2BHryCo</u>

His Excellency President of Central Tibetan Administration, Dr. Lobsang Sangay in the 5th Rabindranath Barthakur Memorial Lecture highlighted the pivotal role of Tibet's water resources in sustaining the life of 1.4 billion people in Asia dependent on the 10 major rivers of Asia that flows from Tibet



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017: Honouring Global Legends in Asian Elephant Conservation <u>http://bit.ly/2p3knPB</u>

At the Annual Balipara Foundation Awards 2017, global legends in Asian Elephant Conservation - Khun Sivaporn Dardarananda, Rewilding Expert, Elephant Reintroduction Foundation, Thailand, Priyanka Yoshikawa, Eastern Himalayan Elephant Princess, Miss World Japan 2016, Japan & Parbati Barua, Queen of Elephants, Assam come together to support community development & Asian Elephant conservation

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Highlights from the Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017



• Highlights from Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum, 2017 <u>https://bit.ly/2ulJmDj</u>

Described as the leading platform for conservation actions to take place, catch the highlights of the Forum in this video

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4) In the Media Press Conference & Television Interviews



- Launching the theme of "Rural Futures" to revitalise rural communities for successful conservation, the pre-Event Press Conference at the Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics™ Forum, 2017, highlights the vision, mission and objective of the Forum. In conversation with Manash from Pratidin Times
 - Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Press Conference with Pratidin Times (Part 1) <u>http://bit.ly/2tv4Ehw</u>
 - Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Press Conference with Pratidin Times (Part 2) <u>http://bit.ly/2Hi1HDd</u>

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 Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: Press Conference with Pratidin Times (Part 3) <u>http://bit.ly/2p0H8U3</u>



• Talktime with Wasbir Hussain: Lobsang Sangay <u>http://bit.ly/2nguPWe</u>

The Buddhist prayer flags represents the 5 elements of nature including water & for us sharing our water with our neighbors is a part of our Buddhist practices. Hence India & the rest of the world should restore the status of stewardship of the Tibetan plateau to the Tibetan people." - His Excellency Lobsang Sangay in conversation with Wasbir Hussain



• Talktime with Wasbir Hussain: Ranjit Barthakur http://bit.ly/2k99blA

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Rural Futures talks about neutrality of social dynamics. If people are poor and if people cannot even have water, ducation or healthcare, how can you do conservation?" - Ranjit Barthakur in conversation with Wasbir Hussain on the launch of Rural Futures at the Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum'17



• Talktime with Wasbir Hussain: Miss World Japan, 2016, Priyanka Yoshikawa http://bit.ly/2Imn2wD

Eastern Himalayan Elephant Princess, Miss World Japan, 2016, Priyanka Yoshikawa talks about fostering Elephant Country, her visit to Assam and inspiring Young Japan and Young India to participate in conservation and community development. Bringing Japan and India closer through the Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum

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5) Community Conservation & Botany Experts Speak – One on one Interviews



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: In conversation with Ravi Singh, CEO, WWF India <u>http://bit.ly/2oZpRuG</u>

In conversation with Ravi Singh CEO, WWF-India on Sustainable Management of Forests by Communities and Policies and Law affecting the same



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: In conversation with Prerna Singh Bindra, Environmental Journalist & Author - <u>http://bit.ly/2Fxf6Kk</u>

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In conversation with Prerna Singh Bindra, Environmental Journalist and Author, India on Storytelling, Environmental Journalism & Law in Conservation



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: In conversation with Bahar Dutt <u>http://bit.ly/2FA26Ds</u>

In conversation with Bahar Dutt, Indian Television Journalist and environmental editor and columnist on challenges of being an environmental journalist & the importance of Grassroots Conservationists in successful conservation



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: In conversation with Anish Andheria <u>http://bit.ly/2FsMzlB</u>

In conversation with Anish Andheria, President, Wildlife Conservation Trust, India on Nature, Photography & Nature Based Education Programs at Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum'17

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: In conversation with Donglin Zhang <u>http://bit.ly/2oTRaHh</u>

In conversation with Donglin Zhang, Professor & Botanist, University of Georgia, USA on the rich diversity of flora in the world & how we can best preserve it at Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum'17



• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: In conversation with Bruce Rich http://bit.ly/2Fih95s

In conversation with Bruce Rich, Attorney, Environmental Law Institute, USA on lessons from Ashoka & Kautilya for sustainable development at Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum'17

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• Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum 2017: In conversation with Scott McMahan <u>http://bit.ly/2G6lPc1</u>

In conversation with Scott McMahan, Seed Collector, Atlanta Botanic Garden, USA on his journey and learning as a seed collector at Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics[™] Forum'17