

BALIPARA FOUNDATION

Assam • India

12th Balipara Foundation Awards 2024

Celebrating the Earth Heroes from
the Eastern Himalaya



27th November, 2024
Guwahati, Assam

Balipara Foundation Awards was designed to celebrate the efforts of our Earth Heroes who work in the extreme conditions of the Eastern Himalaya. Amidst the harsh monsoons, shivering winters and uneven terrains these conservationists have stood up to preserve the biodiversity in the Eastern Himalaya.

Together with them, we upscale and upgrade the existing solutions for rewilding forests & other terrestrial ecosystems including regenerative agroforestry and community-led conservation predominant in the Eastern Himalayan region.

We have come a long way since 2013



11 Years
Bringing together the Earth Heroes since 2013



154 Recipients
Restoring and preserving the Eastern Himalay



Almost INR 6 million
Scaling Existing solutions



4060+ Species
Conserved, discovered and documented.



Almost 12000 ha land
conserved and restored



2484 Publications
Recorded and published



Meet the 11th Balipara Awards Recipients



MEET THE 2023 BALIPARA
FOUNDATION AWARDS
RECIPIENTS



<https://baliparafoundation.com/balipara-foundation-awards-2023/>

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Recognizing best in the field of community conservation, and success models in the Eastern Himalaya biodiversity model canvas, the 11th Balipara Foundation Awards will bring together case studies, and stalwarts who have created change with perseverance. We are inspired by their passion towards building innovative plans that have helped build community resilience and preserved our ecosystem.

CATEGORIES

DESCRIPTIONS

**Rural Futures
Rewilding Award**

To be accorded to an individual/community/ governmental/ non – governmental organization, who has raised awareness about the crucial role of forests in the ecosystem through their outstanding contribution on conservation and restoration of the wildlife.

**Naturenomics™
Award**

To be accorded to a green entrepreneur whose conservation model has positively impacted the environment, created avenues for economic growth and encouraged communities to adopt sustainable practices

**Green Legal/
Journalist
Award**

To be accorded to a lawyer or legal organization which has used the courts to win justice for wildlife or for communities living in or around wildernesses.
To an environmental journalist who has become the voice for forest communities, covered stories of conservation and stood up for restoration and preservation of our habitats.

**Green Guru
Award**

To be presented to a teacher or educator who has inspired students and youth groups to learn about the nature. Through his innovative teaching methods, he/she has encouraged students to understand about the necessity of on-ground conservation and restoration of wildlife.

CATEGORIES

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**Young
Naturalist
Award**

To be accorded to a young conservationist in the age group 18 to 35, whose relentless efforts have led towards conserving local habitats, and has inspired youth groups into conservation action.

**Food for the
Future Award**

To be accorded to a visionary scientist/NGO/ farmer who has executed sustainable and innovative regenerative agricultural practices; for example - agroforestry, organic crops etc. It can also be indigenous farmers who has successfully demonstrated alternative sustainable farming model that has brought replicable change in the agricultural practice.

**Forests Guards &
Rangers Award**

To be accorded to forest heroes, who have demonstrated exemplary service by going beyond the call of duty to protect and preserve the rich flora and fauna of protected areas, national parks and reserve forests across the Eastern Himalaya.

**Lifetime Service
Award**

To be presented to a teacher or educator who has inspired students and youth groups to learn about the nature. Through his innovative teaching methods, he/she has encouraged students to understand about the necessity of on-ground conservation and restoration of wildlife.

Rewilding the Indian Eastern Himalaya Grant

If you are an individual or a community organization working towards restoration and protection of forests in the Eastern Himalaya, you are eligible to apply for the Rewilding The Eastern Himalaya Grant.

For more information, visit :

<https://bit.ly/3oPzY>



Recipients of Rewilding the Eastern Himalaya Grants 2022

All award recipients would be provided monetary benefit to upscale their restoration plans. Balipara Foundation would also provide consultancy and a platform to connect the awardees with like minded people. The award winners can use these resources to create a larger impact in the future.

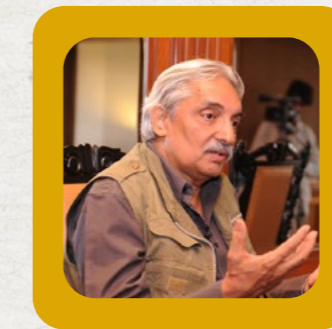
Our Jury Board Members

Balipara Foundation Awards Jury Board Members include diverse group of leaders who bring a wealth of knowledge and passion to help drive our impact.



**Anish
Andheria**

Anish Andheria is the President of the Wildlife Conservation Trust and a member of several Government Committees including National Tiger Conservation Authority and State Board of Wildlife of Maharashtra.



**Bittu
Sahgal**

Bittu Sahgal is an environmental activist, writer and the founder of Sanctuary Nature Foundation. He founded the world class conservation and environment magazine Sanctuary Asia and also launched 'Kids for Tigers' an environmental educational programme for schools.



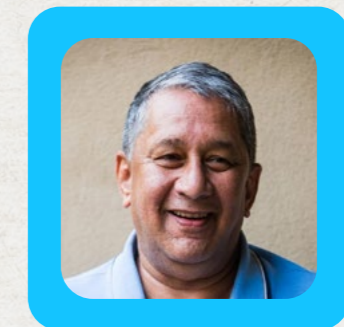
**Radhika
Barthakur**

Radhika is an entrepreneur with progressive experience in business conceptualization. She also has experience in establishment and managing an NGO at a leading global development organisation in Assam, India. She has hands-on experience in planning, implementation, and management of strategic initiatives, convening platforms and demonstrated success in building and scaling up business in Tourism.



**Raquibul
Amin**

Raquibul Amin is working as the Country Representative of IUCN Bangladesh. He brings over 20 years of diversified experience in multidisciplinary settings like resource management and sustainable livelihoods development.



**Ranjit
Barthakur**

Ranjit Barthakur is an ardent social entrepreneur with a special interest in preserving culture and environment across the Eastern Himalaya. He has held leadership roles with various leading charities and corporations and currently serves as President of the Balipara Foundation & Chairperson of Rajasthan Royals.



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CALL FOR NOMINATION

NOMINATE EARTH HEROES OF THE EASTERN HIMALAYA

**Nomination
Form**



<http://bit.ly/bfawards24>

**Last Date of
Application**



10th August 2024