

**BALIPARA FOUNDATION** 

The Balipara Foundation Awards celebrate the extraordinary dedication of conservation heroes who brave the unforgiving landscapes of the Eastern Himalaya. Through relentless monsoons, biting winters, and treacherous terrains, these individuals persevere—safeguarding nature, preserving indigenous knowledge, and fostering ecological harmony in one of the world's most challenging environments.

For the past 12 years, through the Balipara Foundation Awards, we have stood alongside our conservation heroes, working tirelessly to scale and strengthen their efforts in protecting the water, land, forests, and mountains of the Eastern Himalaya. By empowering local communities and supporting innovative, nature-based solutions, we have fostered ecological resilience and restored critical ecosystems, ensuring the harmony between nature and livelihoods in this fragile yet vital landscape..

### We have come a long way since 2013



















Meet the 11th Balipara Awards Recipients



Meet 12th Balipara **Foundation Awards** Recipients



Youtube link

#### **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**

#### Forest Guardian Award

Honoring an individual, community, or organization, nongovernmental—that has demonstrated exceptional efforts in conserving and restoring forests and wildlife, while raising awareness about the critical role of forests in sustaining ecosystems.

#### 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

#### Youth for Earth Award

To be accorded to a lawyer/ activist/ journalist/legal organization who is practising green activism between the ages of 18-35 years. An environmentalist who has become the voice for forest/ indigenous/ riverine communities, covered stories of conservation and stood up for restoration and preservation of our habitats.

13<sup>th</sup>

# BALIPARA FOUNDATION AWARDS

#### **CATEGORIES**

#### **DESCRIPTIONS**

# **Green Mentor Award**

This award recognizes an exceptional educator who has ignited a passion for nature and conservation among students and youth. Through innovative teaching methods, they have empowered the next generation to understand the vital role of wildlife restoration and on-ground conservation efforts, fostering a deeper connection with the natural world. Not limited to educators in institutions

#### Forests Guards & Rangers Award

Presented to the unsung heroes of the forest—foresters and protectors who have shown exceptional dedication and courage in safeguarding the rich biodiversity of protected areas, national parks, and reserve forests across the Eastern Himalaya, going above and beyond their call of duty to preserve the region's flora and fauna.

#### Lifetime Service Award

To be presented to a teacher or educator who has inspired students and youth groups to learn about 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.



bit.lv/3oPfziY





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.



**BALIPARA FOUNDATION** 

13th

**AWARDS** 

Usha Lachungpa Retd. Principal Chief Research Officer, Sikkim State Forest Department,

India



Dr. Eklabya
Sharma
Strategic Advisor &
Distinguished Fellow at ATREE



**Ghosh**Field Director of Kaziranga
National Park

Dr. Sonali



Raquibul Amin IUCN - Head, South Asia Sub Region



Anish
Andheria
President of Wildlife
Conservation Trust



**Sahgal**Founder of Sanctuary Nature
Foundation

Bittu

Ranjit Barthakur and Radhika Barthakur are Founders of Balipara Foundation Awards and Permanent Invitees.



# **13<sup>th</sup>**Balipara Foundation Awards

# **CALL FOR NOMINATION**

NOMINATE Eco-INNOVATORS OF THE EASTERN HIMALAYA



