

BALIPARA FOUNDATION

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14TH

BALIPARA FOUNDATION

AWARDS

— 4th November, 2026 —

Guwahati, Assam, India



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 13 years, through the Balipara Foundation Awards, we have stood alongside our conservation heroes, working tirelessly to scale and strengthen their efforts in protecting 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



14 Years

Bringing together the Earth Heroes since 2013



187 Recipients

Restoring and preserving the Eastern Himalaya



INR 8 Million

Scaling Existing Solutions



4500+ Species

Conserved, discovered and documented.



Over 15000

ha land conserved and restored



3000 Publications

Across Journals and books

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Recognizing best in the field of community conservation, and success models in the Eastern Himalaya biodiversity model canvas, the 14th 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

**Regenerative
Landscapes**

Recognizes outstanding efforts in restoring degraded ecosystems and bringing landscapes back to their natural, self-sustaining state. This award celebrates initiatives that revive biodiversity, rebuild ecological balance, and promote long-term environmental resilience.

**Naturenomics™
Award**

Presented to an individual or organisation whose conservation-driven efforts have created a positive environmental impact while enabling sustainable economic opportunities. The award recognises innovative approaches that integrate biodiversity conservation with community livelihoods and long-term ecological sustainability.

Earth Storyteller

Recognizes journalists who have consistently brought attention to environmental issues through impactful storytelling. Their work raises awareness, influences public discourse, and inspires action towards conservation and sustainability.

Green Teacher

Celebrates an exceptional educator or mentor who has inspired a deep appreciation for nature and conservation among youth and communities. Through innovative and engaging approaches, they nurture awareness and drive meaningful action toward wildlife restoration and environmental stewardship.

CATEGORIES

DESCRIPTIONS

**Young
Naturalist
Award**

Honours young individuals who have shown remarkable curiosity, dedication, and initiative in understanding and protecting nature. Their passion and early contributions reflect the promise of future environmental leadership.

**Food for the
Future Award**

Recognizes initiatives that promote sustainable, climate-resilient, and biodiversity-friendly food systems. This award celebrates efforts that ensure food security while conserving natural resources and supporting local communities and their livelihoods.

Forest Guards

Presented to the frontline custodians of our forests - rangers and guards, who demonstrate exceptional commitment, courage, and resilience in safeguarding biodiversity across protected areas and reserve forests. This award recognises their vital role in protecting wildlife, maintaining ecological balance, and upholding the integrity of natural ecosystems through sustained, on-ground action.

**Lifetime Service
Award**

Presented to an individual whose lifelong dedication has made a profound and lasting contribution to environmental conservation and community development. This award recognises sustained leadership, commitment, and a legacy of impact that has shaped ecosystems, empowered communities, and inspired future generations.

**Rewilding
Indian Eastern
Himalayan
Collective**

Supports individuals, organizations, or grassroots initiatives working towards conservation, restoration, and sustainable development in the Eastern Himalaya. The grant empowers innovative ideas that strengthen ecological resilience and community well-being.

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All award recipients will receive financial support to scale and strengthen their restoration initiatives. In addition, Balipara Foundation will provide strategic guidance and a platform to connect awardees with like-minded practitioners, experts, and partners. These combined resources are designed to enable awardees to expand their impact, accelerate implementation, and contribute meaningfully to long-term ecological and community resilience.

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Our Jury Board Members

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



**Usha
Lachungpa**

Retd. Principal Chief
Research Officer, Sikkim
State Forest Department, India



**Dr. Eklabya
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Strategic Advisor &
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**Dr. Sonali
Ghosh**

Field Director of Kaziranga
National Park



**Bittu
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Founder of Sanctuary Nature
Foundation

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



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Balipara
Foundation Awards
CALL FOR NOMINATION

**Nominate Earth Heroes of the
Eastern Himalaya**

**Nomination
Form**



[Click on the Link](#)

**Last Date of
Application**



10th July 2026