

Tentative Agenda

Indo-Bangla Trade: Focus on the North East Stakeholder Consultation Pragya Bhawan, Agartala, 20 June 2010

1030-1100	Registration
1100-1200	Introductory Session <i>Welcome Speech:</i> Siddhartha Mitra, Convener of the Indian segment, “ <i>Sub-Regional Independent Taskforce on Connectivity and Cooperation</i> ” & Head, CUTS Centre for International Trade, Economics and Environment (CUTS CITEE) M.L Debnath, President, Tripura Chamber of Commerce Matlub Ahmad, President, Indo Bangla Chamber of Commerce L.K Gupta, Principal Secretary, Industry and Commerce & IT, Government of Tripura Address by Guest of honour: Dr. S. K. Panda, Chief Secretary, Government of Tripura Address by Special Guest: Jitendra Chowdhury, Hon’ble Commerce Minister, Government of Tripura Address by Chief Guest: Manik Sarkar, Hon’ble Chief Minister, Government of Tripura
1200-1215	Tea Break
1215-1315	Reviewing recent developments in Trade and Investment involving India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan <i>Overview:</i> Siddhartha Mitra (chair) <i>Presentation: Socio-Economic Benefits from Border Haats</i> Jayanta Bhattacharya, Principal Correspondent, The Press Trust of India <i>Discussants:</i> Salahuddin Bablu Senior Reporter, The Daily Inqilab, Bangladesh Sanjib Deb, Chief of Bureau, NE Bangla, Agartala Ruhul Ameen Rasel, The Bangladesh Pratidin, Dhaka, Bangladesh

- 1315-1400 **Open house discussion**
- 1400-1445 **Lunch**
- 1445-1545 **Way forward for International Trade and Investment in the Indo-Bangla region**
Chair: Siddhartha Mitra
Speaker: Anil Saraf, Director, Federation of Industries Commerce of North Eastern Region (FINER)
Discussants:
Matlub Ahmad
Sanjib Deb
Salahuddin Bablu Senior Reporter, The Daily Inqilab, Bangladesh
Jamal Uddin, Daily Ittefaq
Zahidur Rahamn, PROBE News
- 1545-1630 **Open House Discussion**
- 1630-1645 *Tea/coffee*
- 1645-1730 **Way Forward: Future Role of Sub-Regional Independent Taskforce on Connectivity and Cooperation**
Panel Discussion:
Siddhartha Mitra
Motlub Ahmad
Anil Saraf
M.L Debnath
Sanjib Deb
- 1730-1800 **Vote of Thanks**
Anutosh Biswas, Programme Officer, CUTS CITEE