

## MANIPUR ECOTOURISM CONCLAVE – IMPHAL

Dates: April 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Venue: The Royale Classic Conference Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hotel The Classic,  
Imphal

### PROGRAMME

<b>Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2014</b>	
9:30 – 10:30 am	Registration & Tea
10:30 – 10:35 am	Introduction by - Mr. Rakesh Mathur, Honorary Secretary, ESOI
10:35 – 10:40 am	Welcome Address by Mr. P. C. Lawmkunga, Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur
10:40 – 10:45	Opening Remarks by Mr. Steve Borgia, Honorary President, ESOI
10:45 – 11:00 am	Keynote Address by – Guest of Honour, Mr. Shilabhadra Banerjee, IAS (Retd.) Former Secretary, Tourism, Government of India
11:00 – 11:10 am	Address by Mr. M.P. Bezbaruah, Hon'ble Member - North Eastern Council
11:10 – 11:20 am	Inaugural Address by Chief Guest Mr. V. K. Duggal, His Excellency, the Governor of Manipur
11:20 – 11:25 am	Vote of Thanks by Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Principal Secretary (Tourism), Government of Manipur
11:25 – 11:40 am	Tea
<b>Session - I</b>	
11:40 – 12 noon	Ecotourism & Wildlife - Mr. Th. Ibobi Singh, IFS (Retd.) - Former Member Secretary, Loktak Development Authority & Addl. PCCF (Wildlife)
12:00 – 12:20 pm	Eco & Adventure Tourism - Dr.L. Surjit Singh, President – Manipur Mountaineering & Trekking Association
12:20 – 12:40 pm	Golf Tourism – Mr. Chitaranjan Bakhshi - Business Head – PASH India
12:40 – 1:00 pm	Polo Tourism - Mr.Vikram Sodhi - Chairman - Anandpur Sahib Heritage Foundation
1:00 – 1:20 pm	Role of Media in Tourism - Mr.Kishore Singh - Columnist and writer for Business Standard
1:20 – 1:40 pm	Wildlife Tourism -Mr.Krishna Kumar Singh - Honorary Vice President, ESOI
1:40 – 2:00 pm	Product, Marketing and Destination Development -Mr.Arjun Sharma - MD, Le Passage to India Tours & Travels Pvt. Ltd.
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Lunch
<b>Session - II</b>	
3:00 – 3:20 pm	Role of Culture in Tourism -Ms.Sentila Yanger - Culture, Heritage & Textile Specialist
3:20 – 3:40 pm	Conservation of Rich Biodiversity in Manipur - Dr. Homeshwor Singh, Director, Environment & Ecology, Manipur
3:40 – 4:00 pm	Medical Tourism - Dr. Kh. Palin, Chairman, Shija Hospitals & Research Institute
4:00 – 4:20 pm	Tribal Ecotourism - Mr.Andrew John - Vice President – Development, Alorie Hospitality
4:20 – 4:40 pm	Tea

4:40 – 5:00 pm	Appropriate Model for Tourism in North East – Mr. Jose Dominic - MD, CGH Earth Hotels, Cochin
5:00 – 5:20 pm	Water Based Tourism & Sports – Dr. Mohammad Rashid-Ud-Din Kundangar - Consultant Environmentalist & Expert on Freshwater Lakes of Kashmir
5:20 – 5:40 pm	North East Tourism – Issues – Dr. Dilip Kumar, Director (Finance), Ministry of Tourism, Government of India
5:40 – 6:30 pm	OPEN HOUSE – Chaired by Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Principal Secretary (Tourism), Government of Manipur
6:30 pm	Closing and Announcements by Mr. Rakesh Mathur, Honorary Secretary, ESOI
<b>Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2014</b>	
<b>Session – III</b>	
09:00 – 9:20 am	Ecotourism – Products & Potential - Mr. Ameising Luikham, IAS, Secretary, North East Council
09:20 – 9:40 am	Tourism In Manipur-A Way Forward– Dr. Rajesh Kumar - Principal Secretary (Tourism), Government of Manipur
09:40 – 10:00 am	Home stay and Community Involvement – Ms. Seema Bhatt - Vice President, ESOI
10:00 – 10:20 am	Ecotourism Practices in Hotels – Mr. Niranjana Khatri - GM, Environment, ITC Welcomgroup
10:20 – 10:40 am	Adventure Tourism, Best Ecotourism Practices in India and Global – Mr. Mandip Singh Soin - Immediate Past President, ESOI; Founder & MD of Ibex Expeditions (P) Ltd.
10:40 – 11:00 am	Tea
11:00 – 11:20 am	Heritage Tourism and Safe & Honourable Tourism – Mr. Rakesh Mathur
11:20 – 11:40 am	Hotels – Optimal, Efficient Architectural Design – Mr. Anil Sharma - Proprietor – A Sharma Associates
11:40 – 12:00 noon	Rural Tourism, Preservation and Museums – Mr. Steve Borgia - President, ESOI
12:00 – 12:30 pm	OPEN HOUSE – WHAT AFTER THIS? WAY FORWARD - Chaired by Mr. Ameising Luikham, IAS, Secretary, North Eastern Council
12:30 – 12:35 pm	Closing & Vote of Thanks – Mr. Rakesh Mathur - Honorary Secretary, ESOI
12:35 – 01:00 pm	Distribution of Participation Certificates, Photo Session
01:00 – 02:00 pm	Lunch
2pm	Closing

**\*Speakers & Sessions subject to last minute change**