



2nd Inland WATERWAYS SUMMIT

Waterway to Progress:
Connecting North East & South East Asia

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Background

India has vast inland waterways spanning over 14,500 km, including rivers, canals, backwaters, and creeks. These waterways offer a cost-effective and sustainable mode of transportation for both passengers and cargo. Inland waterways are particularly important in the North East region of India, where the mountainous terrain makes road and rail transport challenging.

The Indian government has been making efforts to develop the country's inland waterways in recent years. In 2016, the government declared 106 additional waterways as National Waterways, taking the total number of national waterways to 111. Among these is the Brahmaputra River, which flows through the North East region of India. The government has also been investing in the development of terminals, jetties, and other infrastructure to improve the navigability of these waterways.

About Summit

The Summit with the theme of "Waterways to Progress: connecting North East and South East Asia with Inland waterways" aims to tap into the potential of the country's inland waterways to boost trade and connectivity between North-East & Southeast Asian regions along with the highlights on the Infrastructure development of Inland Waterways in connecting with Southeast Asian Countries for a sustainable mode of transportation

The development of the inland waterways in North East India can also boost the socioeconomic development of the region. The development of the inland waterways can open up new trade and employment opportunities for the people of the region.

Summit Points:

- Developing the infrastructure and navigability of inland waterways in North East: This session will cover the discussions on the government's efforts to improve infrastructure and navigability along with the challenges facing the development of inland waterways in the region to explore the growth potential in connecting North East with Southeast Asia.
- International cooperation and partnerships in Inland Waterway development: The session will focus on linking the inland waterways with coastal shipping to explore commercial corridors with Myanmar, Singapore & Thailand to generate a chain of multiple impacts across the regions
- Role of Inland Waterways in reducing carbon footprints: The Session will deliberate on how Inland Waterways offers more sustainable and economical ways to contribute in reducing the carbon footprints through the right infrastructure in place.

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Why to Visit:

- Opportunity to learn about the latest research, best practices, and innovations in the field of inland waterway development and transportation.
- Network with experts from various fields including government officials, industry professionals, academics, and international experts, who are working on similar projects and have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share.
- Gain a deeper understanding of the current state and potential of inland waterways as a sustainable mode of transportation in connecting the North East and Southeast Asia.
- Learn about the environmental and social impacts of inland waterway development, as well as potential mitigation measures.
- Platform for professionals, experts and stakeholders to come together, share their knowledge, learn from each other and explore potential collaborations.
- Explore the potential for trade and economic growth through the use of inland waterways.

Visitor Profile:

- Government officials: Officials from the Ministry of Port Shipping & waterways, the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, and other relevant government departments.
- Industry professionals: Executives from shipping companies, logistics firms, and other businesses that operate on or use inland waterways
- Academics: Researchers from universities and think tanks who study the development of inland waterways and the potential for regional connectivity to learn about the latest research and network with other experts in the field.
- International experts: Experts from other countries who have experience with inland waterway development and management.
- Experts from the field of sustainable development: Experts in the field of sustainable development of inland waterway development.
- Policymakers, students, and other stakeholders who are interested in the development of inland waterways and the potential for regional connectivity.

Objectives:

- To provide a platform for stakeholders to discuss the potential of inland waterways for regional economic integration and sustainable development
- To promote collaboration between different sectors, such as government, industry, and academia, to support the development of inland waterways in North East India
- To raise awareness of the opportunities and challenges of using inland waterways for transportation and trade in the region
- To identify best practices and innovative solutions for the development and management of inland waterways



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