

Theme:
**Reality Rings in Ancient Gongs-
The Backstory**

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Connected to the rest of India through a cartographic relic of the narrow neck, Northeastern India's poly-ethnicity, and multiculturalism is what marks the idiosyncrasy of TEDxRoyal Global University. In an effort to locate the backstory of the present, and to find the resonance of the ancient in the future as a part of the same continuum, this event will bring together speakers belonging to diverse fields who will highlight the positive breakthroughs and initiatives of their personal lives. The kaleidoscopic view of their lives, we believe, will bring hope to the present and future generations, making a positive difference in the region, and around the world, ensuring positive vibrations of the ancient gongs reverberates through the entire community and makes a difference in the present day turbulent reality! Rejoicing is never forbidden. Let's join hands to spread optimism around us. There is still so much to be done

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ASHISH CHOPRA

Culinary Historian, Travel Writer, Author, Gourmand & Television Host

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Ashish Chopra founder Executive Director of the Institute for Environmental Management and Social Development and a former advisor to a state Governor, when he decided after retrospection and introspection to take permanent sabbatical to pursue his passion for food travel and writing. Based in Delhi he loves Northeast India. Having spent over a decade in the region he has been travelling and documenting culture and cuisine and covered over 2000 villages. Author of the book NE Belly, the first cookbook covering all the eight states of Northeast India Chopra is busy launching his school which is India's first school of ancient culinary art in Dehradun. He is also the culinary adviser of the leading Travel Channels called Travel and Food Xp UK, ITC hotels, the principal advisor of the Woodpecker International Film Festival. He is also the author of Tribal cuisines of India having documented over 300 tribes pan India and their cuisine to name a few feathers in his cap.



SATTYAKEE D'COM BHUYAN

Thespian, Raconteur & Philomath



A Philomath who truly loves art, Sattyakee D'com Bhuyan is known for his extensive experience in all the areas of Theatre Production. A TEDx speaker, he is the founder director of the leading Theatre Group D'Passion Collective. Recognized for his passion towards acting and direction, D'com has proven his creative excellence with more than 25 stellar productions under his belt apart from acting in films like Anurag, Asene Kunuba Hiyat, Jwlwi, Mission China, Aamis and others. With a Masters in Linguistics, he served the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati as Scientist (Languages) Dept. of Computer Science & Engg, NIFT Shillong, and TISS Guwahati, among others. A former Communications Associate of the IFC-World Bank Group and an erstwhile journalist of Telegraph, currently Bhuyan is a faculty in the Dept. of Mass Communication at the Royal Global University and mentor at Royal Global School. Founder member of the North East Writers Forum and 2010 India Today Youth Icon.

Dr. Shilpa Das

Principal Faculty, Interdisciplinary Design Studies. National Institute of Design



Dr. Shilpa Das is Principal Faculty in Interdisciplinary Design Studies and Head, PhD Programme at the National Institute of Design (NID), India. An alumna of JNU New Delhi (MA) and TISS Mumbai (PhD), she has cumulative work experience of almost three decades in the education, publishing, and voluntary sectors. She is very active in the disability sector in India, teaches modules on Disability Studies and Feminist Disability Studies among other subjects in universities in India and overseas and has several publications on disability to her credit. She has worked as an Advisory Board member on projects with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and USAID on women's reproductive health in Kenya, Tanzania, Nigeria and India, as well as to create a public good on the role of human-centered design in global health, develop resources for global health practitioners to use HCD, and create a strategic road-map for demonstrating the successful application of HCD in global health.

Parvathy Omanakuttan

Entrepreneur ; Model & Actor; 1st Runner-up Miss World 2008

Born in the land of the Beautiful Backwaters of Kerala, Parvathy lived and studied in Mumbai. A Graduate in English Literature, Parvathy became the cynosure of the entire nation when she won Miss India and 1st Runners Up at Miss World in 2008. After a decade long career in fashion and modelling, Parvathy went on to pursue her childhood passion for food. Parvathy trained to be a chef from the Institute of Culinary Education in New York. While interning at Michelin Star Chef Jean Georges restaurant -ABCv; she was intrigued by the array of Plant based gourmet dishes that she was taught. This inspired her to learn in depth about the traditional foods of the world. Parvathy believes that it's our responsibility to Honour and Enhance the One body we have been Gifted. Her vision is to bridge the food gap, respect nature and have a healthy - happy world.



Rituraj Phukan

Biodiversity Champion National Coordinator for Biodiversity, The Climate Reality Project India

Rituraj Phukan is an environmentalist, adventurer & naturalist based out of Assam, a biodiversity-rich, climate change impacted province in the Northeast of India. As the National Coordinator for Biodiversity for The Climate Reality Project India, Chief Operating Officer of Walk For Water, and Secretary General of Green Guard Nature Organization, he facilitates awareness and action on the 3 W's – Warming, Water and Wildlife- working with all stakeholders including indigenous communities, students, civil society, for a positive societal impact. He is driven by concerns over glacial loss in the 'water towers' of Asia and is currently working on an initiative to mobilize civil society action in the countries of the Himalayan region. Personally trained as a Climate Reality Leader by Nobel Laureate Al Gore Rituraj has experienced the impacts of climate change in Antarctica and across the Arctic region.

David Baker

Musician, Singer-Songwriter, Actor and Planter

David is a 35 year veteran in the corporate world. And has worked in varied industries Like Tea (Manufacturing and estate management), BPO (ITES) in various roles as Managers of numerous verticals. An Alumni of IIM Bangalore and Guwahati University English Honours he has over the years transformed into a musician who is experimenting with Creating English language songs influenced by Northeastern sounds. Although he started his musical journey as a drummer he over the years began to experiment with Flutes, harmonicas and Guitars. All the while developing a zest for singing which he has now begun to concentrate on..

He is now gaining popularity with his band "Dr Dope". for their unique tunes and way of using folk sounds for western rock blues and jazz influenced music. They have performed in the Guwahati local music circuit with several online releases of their songs under "Dr. Dope" as a handle, that is now beginning to gain interest from all over the world. They are a heavy acoustic band and David leads Singing and fronting them. Recently they Played at the Guwahati International Music festival and captured the crowd with their songs.

He Is an avid Science Buff wide-mouth fascinated by the discoveries and the depth of the human mind. He aspires to write Science fiction allegories in the future. Now he occupies himself with the poetic license and examines the syntax of various sections of poetic study.



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