



# Connectivity, trade relations and investment opportunities between China and eastern India

12 September, 9:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. | ORF Kolkata

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9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>
10.00 a.m. – 10.40 a.m.	<b>Inaugural Session</b>
	<b>Chair: Sunjoy Joshi</b> , Chairman, ORF
10.05 a.m. – 10.10 a.m.	Welcome remarks by <b>Ashok Dhar</b> , Director, ORF Kolkata
10.10 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.	Setting the context by <b>Rakhahari Chatterji</b> , Advisor, ORF Kolkata
10.15 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Keynote Address by <b>Ma Zhanwu</b> , HE, Consul General, Consulate-General of People's Republic of China, Kolkata
10.30 a.m. – 10.40 a.m.	Concluding remarks by <b>Sunjoy Joshi</b>
10.40 a.m. – 10.50 a.m.	<b>Felicitation and report release</b>
10:50 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Business Session I: Connecting Neighbours</b>
10.50 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	<b>Chair: C. Joshua Thomas</b> , Deputy Director at the Indian Council of Social Science Research, North Eastern Regional Centre (ICSSR), Shillong
11.00 a.m. – 11.15. a.m.	<b>Panellists:</b> <b>Yue Zhaomin</b> , Secretary General of Center for India Studies, Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences
11.15 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	<b>Debasish Chaudhuri</b> , Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi



11.30 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.

**Lin Yanming**, Research Assistant, Institute of South Asian Studies, Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences

11.45 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

**Avijit Banerjee**, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Chinese Language and Culture (Cheena Bhavana), Visva Bharati University Santiniketan

12.00 p.m. – 12.15 p.m.

**Anasua Basu Ray Chaudhury**, Fellow, ORF, Kolkata

12.15 p.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Q&A

12.30 p.m. – 12.45 p.m.

**Tea/Coffee**

12.45 p.m. – 1.55 p.m.

**Business Session II: Trade Relations; Bridging the Gap**

12.45 p.m. – 12.55 p.m.

**Chair: Nilanjan Ghosh**, Senior Fellow, ORF Kolkata

**Panellists:**

12.55 p.m. – 1.10 p.m.

**Parthapratim Pal**, Professor, IIM Kolkata

1.10 p.m. – 1.25 p.m.

**Harsh Poddar**, Executive Director, Aris Capital, Kolkata

1.25 p.m. – 1.40p.m.

**Saon Ray**, Senior Fellow, ICRIER, New Delhi

1.40 p.m. – 1.55 p.m.

Q&A

1.55 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Lunch

3.00 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.

**Business Session III: Investment Opportunities**

3.00 p.m. – 3.10 p.m.

**Chair:** Ma Zhanwu

**Panellists:**

3.10 p.m. – 3.25 p.m.

Preeti Kapuria, Associate Fellow, ORF Kolkata

3.25 p.m. – 3.40 p.m.

**Chen Jinying**, Associate Professor, School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Shanghai International Studies University



3.40 p.m. – 3.55 p.m.

**Yang Yishuang**, Research Institute for Indian Ocean Economics, Yunnan University of Finance and Economics

3.55 p.m. – 4.10 p.m.

Q&A

4:10 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Interactive session on: Sustainability and Low Carbon Economy**

4.10 p.m. – 4.45 p.m.

**Ashok Dhar**

**Wang Yongzhong**, Director, International energy studies, Institute of World Economics and Politics (IWEPP), Beijing

4.45 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Q&A

5:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

**Concluding remarks:**

**Ashok Dhar**

**Ma Zhanwu**