



The Alliance for a Secular and Democratic South Asia

Presents



"Democracy, Development, & Displacement:

The Struggle of indigenous people in Northeast India and Bangladesh"

A Panel Discussion by

Pradyot DebBarma

Chief Editor, The Northeast Today Magazine
Chairman, The Royal Tripura Foundation

The Northeast Today Magazine is the largest magazine in the Northeast India. The Royal Tripura foundation has opened health care centers, and is pursuing initiatives in social entrepreneurship, education, environment, and indigenous community rights across the Northeast.

Maung Nyeu

Harvard Graduate School of Education
Founder, Our Golden Hour

Our Golden Hour has developed a replicable framework for extending educational opportunities for children in underserved areas, beginning with those in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh.

Erendro Leichombam

World Bank Fellow, Harvard University
Founder, The Manipur International Center, Boston

The Manipur International Center is a not-for-profit research, and advocacy group based in Boston. The center's mission is to advance economic development, democratic values, human rights, and citizen empowerment in the Northeast India.

Abha Sur (Moderator)

Lecturer, Program in Women's and Gender Studies, MIT, Cambridge, MA

Abha is also a long standing member of the *Alliance for a Secular and Democratic South Asia*, formed in 1993 in response to the rising communalization of South Asian communities.

Saturday, November 3rd, 2012, 2.30-4:00 PM EST

**Location: Eliot-Lyman Room, Harvard Graduate School of Education
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA**

The talk will focus on the development and democratic advances (or lack of) in the Northeast India and CHT Bangladesh, and underscore the unique circumstance the region and its people find itself. The speakers, mostly youth leaders from the region, will also cover militarization, indigenous people's development agenda, and the human rights violations in the region—NE India and CHT, Bangladesh.

Drinks & Refreshments will be served.