

## Bidhayak Das to attend GPC's program



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Yangon based journalist & scholar Bidhayak [Das](#) will attend an interactive session with scribes at Guwahati Press Club on 4 August, Friday. The session under the series of 'Meet the Press' programs at the press club premises will [start](#) at 3 pm and conclude by 5 pm. Hailed from northeast [India](#), [Das](#) will speak about the present socio-political scenario of [Myanmar](#), also known as Brahmadesh.

The story of democratic transition following the November 2015 historic elections in the country, which brought hopes of positive changes all [over](#) South [East](#) Asia and the Northeast, has been marred by some very unfortunate developments of late. Continuous arrests of journalists, spread of communal violence, religious intolerance, suppression of the Rohingya [Muslim](#) minorities and a faltering peace process has dominated the socio-political landscape during the past one year.

The situation in [Myanmar](#) assumes great significance for [India](#), especially our region. It forms not only the most strategic link to the Act East Policy of the Union government, but a restive [Myanmar](#) would always offer fertile grounds for vested interests to invest in cross border militancy, [drugs](#) & human trafficking etc.

However, what also assumes significance is to monitor the Chinese activities in our neighboring country. China may not want to keep the pot boiling any more, especially as if it does that there is every chance that it may backfire on its ambitious ‘[One](#) Belt [One](#) Road,’ plans, which it cannot afford at least at this stage. To provide an insight into the recent developments and how things would unfold in the days ahead, the session titled Reversals in Democratic Transition in [Myanmar](#):

Cross Border Impacts,” has been organized. The member-journalists are requested to participate in the program and interact with [Das](#), who had spent not less than [ten](#) years in that country.

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