

Workshop on climate change in Greater Himalaya



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Climate change scenario in the Greater Himalayan Region will be in the focus at an international knowledge sharing workshop to be organized by Aaranyak in collaboration with ICIMOD (Kathmandu) on climate induced water hazards in the Brahmaputra River Basin in northeast India on February 15.

The day-long workshop will be held at Hotel Gateway Grandeur in four separate sessions to be attended by experts from ICIMOD and Aaranyak including Dr Arun B Shrestha of ICIMOD, Dr Partha J Das, team-leader, ICIMOD-Aaranyak Project, Satellite Hydrology Expert of the ICIMOD, Sagar Ratan Bajracharya.

A P Mitra, former secretary of Water Resources Department of Government of India, Agriculture expert Dr Tapan Dutta, will also participate in the workshop in different sessions that will deal with climate induced water hazards in the Brahmaputra basin in the N-E India covering aspects of adaptation, governance and community based risk mitigation.

Different sessions in the workshop will facilitate discussion on satellite rainfall estimation with observations and prospects for eastern Himalayas; facilitate discussion on governance of water induced hazards in the context of climate change in NE India. The workshop will facilitate sharing of experience with stakeholders.

The workshop will also draw a roadmap for action research on integrated management of climate change, water and hazard in the eastern Himalayas. One of the highlights of the workshop will be screening of documentary film titled 'Living with floods in Assam.' There will be panel discussions and interaction among audience, panelists and experts throughout the workshop that will be open for participation of the representatives of the media.

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