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Trade summit at Assam's tea capital

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Dibrugarh, Nov 21: Dibrugarh, the tea capital of Assam, is for the first time hosting the largest trade and investment conference of the region. Organised by the DONER ministry with the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the conference will be attended by chief ministers of Seven region from Myanmar, Nepal, Bhutan, Laos and Thailand. U Ye Myint, who will share their perspectives on the Northeast Myanmar trade and economic exchanges.

The conference will be held from November 22 to 24. More than 500 delegates from across India and neighbouring countries are expected to attend the 9th Northeast Business Summit, which will have DONER minister Paban Singh Ghatowar as the summit chairman. Industries minister of Bangladesh Dilip

Barna is expected to attend apart from chief ministers of the Northeast states besides top-ranking officials.

The three-day mega Northeast Business Summit will address key issues related to the overall socio-economic development of the Northeast, which has a tremendous economic potential. The director general of ICC, R Singh, said at a news conference here today.

On the importance of visits of Myanmar ministers, joint secretary DONER ministry AM Singh, said it is India's time gateway to Assam markets and it has opened up its economy to Asia and the world.

The Centre is involved in over a dozen projects in Myanmar, both in infrastructure and non-infrastructure areas. These include upgrade and resurfacing of the 16km long Yamunakalaya-Kalenyao road, constitution and upgrade of Rht, Thidim Road in Myanmar.



Officials of the Indian Chamber of Commerce and the DONER ministry in Dibrugarh on Thursday. Pictured by Ujjwal Sinha

Bar, Katedan Multimodal Transport Project and others. He added the summit would focus on strategic areas like energy and power, horticulture, food processing, plantation infrastructure and connectivity. Tourism, hospital, health care, finance, higher education and tourism trade with Assam in sync with the Look East Policy.

The summit will also have an exhibition on the North-east where all the states will display their indigenous products and showcase their comparative advantages to investors.

The chairman of ICC, Northeast region, Manoj Kumar Saharia, said the objective of the summit is to encourage corporate India to set up and raise more of the world-class so that the region reaches a significant phase of growth.

He said the region is in sync with the policy recommendations laid down in the vision 2020 document. There will be an investors meet with DONER minister, industries ministers of the Northeast states and senior officials.

It will aim at portraying the attractive incentive schemes offered by the states, highlighting upcoming projects and public projects, taking feedback from existing investors and discussing prospective investment opportunities.