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## Ninth NE Business Summit gets under way

GUWAHATI, NOV 23: The ninth North East Business Summit 2013, a flagship conference of Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and supported by Ministry of DoNER, got underway at Dibrugarh in eastern Assam yesterday with a three-day programme and a host of dignitaries from within as well as outside the country in attendance.

DoNER minister and Summit chairman Baban Singh Chatterjee, emphasized during the inaugural session on the strength and potential of the North Eastern Region (NER) in an array of sectors including travel and tourism, hospitality, IT and ITes, financial services, handloom and handicrafts, power and energy, and oil and natural gas.

In the 2013-14 Union Budget, the Central Government has proposed to seek the assistance of the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank to build roads in NE states and also connect them to Myanmar, which is expected to boost the current growth rate of industrialization, he said.

North East Industrial Investment Promotion Policy 2007, the region will witness expansion in industrial projects and infusion of capital. Mr Chatterjee added.

Special Guest of Honour U Ye Myint, Chief Minister, Mandalay Region of Myanmar, stressed on having intensive trade linkages with the NER, especially through Manipur. He said that transport facility between India, China and Thailand should be developed, which would undoubtedly increase the volume of trade between the countries.

Speaking on similar line, Special Guest of Honour U Thar Aye, Chief Minister, Sagaing Region of Myanmar, said there is a huge potential of trade between Sagaing region and NER and sectors of prime importance include wood based industry, where several states of the region produces commodities based on bamboo and wooden products.

Mr B K Chatterjee, Member, Planning Commission, Government of India, stressed on the objectives, plans and proposals laid out by the Planning Commis-