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Loktak Lake is the largest fresh water lake in Northeast India. It has an area of 300sq km. Considering the ecological status and its biodiversity values, the lake was designated as a 'wetland of international importance' under the Ramsar Convention on March 23, 1990. Keibul Lamjao, the only floating national park in the world is situated at the south west part of the lake. It is home to the endangered Manipur brow antlered deer 'Sangai' - *Cervus eldi eldi* and many plant species. Due to the presence of significant numbers of globally threatened species, or other species of global conservation concern, Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) has identified Loktak Lake and Keibul Lamjao National Park as an Important Bird Area (IBA).

The lake has been a main source of income and sustenance for inhabitants of the area. For the last few decades the lake has been facing all round destructions due to both natural and anthropogenic activities. Rapid expansion of 'Phumdis*', siltation, pollution, agriculture and adverse effect from Loktak Hydropower Project are some of the main problems which had led to an alarming destruction of the lake.

* *Phumdis* are floating islands of heterogeneous masses of vegetation, soil and organic matter in different stages of decay. They cover a substantial part of the lake area and are found in different shapes and sizes. Keibul Lamjao National Park, the largest single mass of phumdi is the world's only floating national park covers an area of 40 km²; the park is the natural habitat of endangered Sangai, found only in this national park.

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LIFELINE OF MANIPUR IS AT RISK

CAUSE for CONCERN: Need for an Urgency

1. Loss of vegetal cover in the catchment area
2. Deforestation and shifting cultivation in the catchment areas causing accelerated soil erosion resulting in the lake's shrinkage due to siltation. The annual silt flow into the lake is estimated to be 336,325 tons
3. Interference in navigation and overall aesthetic value of the Lake are other reported adverse effects.
4. The thickness of *phumdis* has decreased in the Keibul Lamjao National Park thereby threatening the survival of Sangai deer
5. The population of a number of economic plants and the major food plants has decreased resulting in starvation conditions for the endangered Sangai.
6. Plants have also degraded due to polluted water.
7. Avifauna and Aquatic lives are in danger due to pollution, poaching and habitat destruction.
8. Livelihood of people

Today, Loktak lake is at the highest level of eutrophication and Sangai – the dancing deer of Manipur which is found only in Keibul Lamjao National Park is at the verge of extinction.

IT'S TIME TO ACT!!



ASIA:

Imphal, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Baroda, Patna, Guwahati, Pune, Nagpur, Jaipur, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Shillong, Silchar, Namchi and Bhubaneswar (INDIA)

NORTH AMERICA: New York, USA

EUROPE: London, United Kingdom

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ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN

Biggest campaign spread across the globe in 18 Indian cities and 2 international cities for the conservation of a wetland.

After the successful Nationwide Save Sangai Campaign at five major cities of the country, the Loktak Lake Campaign is the second initiative of the organization for the conservation of natural resources of the Northeast region especially of Manipur.

The campaign at Delhi, Imphal, Pune and Bengaluru is a day long event that will comprise of Seminar on issues related to Loktak Lake and Competitions respectively.

On the Day of Event

1. Cycle Rally (Imphal and Delhi)
2. Release of Thoibi – the Sangai, a children book (Delhi and Imphal)
3. Release of NeBIO Research Journal, Three Case studies: Loktak, Sangai and Keibul Lamjao National Park and BioDiverse (Imphal); Case study on Deepor Beel (Guwahati)
4. Seminar on the theme of the Campaign (Imphal, Bengaluru, Pune, Guwahati and Delhi)
 - Eminent Speakers : Researchers, Conservationists and Activists
5. Drawing Competitions for School Students (Imphal and Bengaluru)
 - On the theme of the Campaign
6. Quiz Competition (Guwahati)
7. Film Screening (Imphal, Bengaluru and Delhi)

Other Cities (15 cities)

Meeting at Public places.

City Co-ordinators

Imphal:	Mr. Mohen Naorem
Banagaluru:	Ms. Ema Fatima
Nagpur:	Mr. Khaidem Athouba Meitei
New York:	Mr. Fisher
London:	Ms. Annie Khaidem
New Delhi:	Ms. Mehnaz
Patna:	Mr. Sumit Rana
Pune:	Mr. Vimol Khetrimayum
Chandigarh:	Ms. Irengbam Malemnganbi
Guwahati:	Mr. Kripaljyoti Mazumdar
Baroda:	Ms. Yambem Kripali
Namchi:	Mr. Puran Giri
Shillong:	Ms. Annie Khaidem

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Bombay Natural History Society



The International Ecotourism Society



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NECEER - A Results Driven Organization...

Since its establishment, the mission of North East Centre for Environmental Education and Research, Imphal (Manipur, India) is to promote public awareness, education and research for the protection and conservation of biodiversity in North East India. NECEER tirelessly pursues its mission by motivating and promoting youth to take up environmental issues and scientific research for the conservation of biodiversity and its habitat in North East India.

NECEER Is Efficient.

NECEER has been recognized by its biodiversity conservation initiatives, publications such as NeBIO Research Journal and Ecotone and as one of the most efficient organizations of its kind in NE India. NECEER has already successfully organised Nationwide Save Sangai Campaign at five metropolitan cities of the country for the conservation of endangered Sangai-dancing deer of Manipur. NECEER is involved in several projects related to the conservation of fragile ecosystems in Northeast India and support community based ecotourism programme in Sikkim.



NECEER Is Innovative.

NECEER has adopted an innovative approach to bring students and scientists under a single roof through its biodiversity network project: North East India Biodiversity Network (NEIBN) and publications which helped in the promotion of environmental education and research in NE India. This approach has been widely recognized by organizations and researchers in the country.



NECEER Is Results-Driven.

When the NECEER began, there was not a single research journal or periodicals in the country dedicated to the conservation of biodiversity in Northeast India. Thanks to the efforts of NECEER and its partner Environ, we have publications like Ecotone and NeBIO Research Journal highlighting initiatives taken up by research institutes, organisation and universities of the country for the conservation of Northeast India.



NECEER Needs Your Help!

Although the organisation has improved tremendously, it is not good enough. Your involvement and support are critical to our initiatives.

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