



## Ritu-Ngapnon Varuni

An explorer at heart and an architect by training, Ritu wears many hats. The development of bamboo and wood design and traditional hand skills has been the focus of her work in Nagaland, Manipur, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh since 1992. Her design studio, E'thaan, based in Himachal Pradesh and Nagaland, specialises in wood and bamboo-based design since 2002. She lived in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam for 6 years working on bamboo design development and grassroots livelihood development work. Her designs have been regularly exhibited at the India Habitat Centre in Delhi and in Mumbai, Bangalore and also presented by the India International Centre, Delhi and more recently in Italy at Venice Design 2019.

She practises organic Himalayan farming and natural architecture, curation, furniture design, creative thinking and ethics facilitation, research and documentation make up her varied areas of work. As an English writer and poet, she has published research papers, articles and essays in books and magazines.

She is the Founder-Director of The Himalayan Rilung Foundation and its pilot programme- 'Mountainwind,' which is a creative experiential learning platform in Himachal Pradesh.

