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Development discourse experiences in the Darjeeling Himalaya through the lens of DLR Prerna(NGO) interventions.

DLR Prema is a Darjeeling based NGO who has been partnering communities from the margins in the Darjeeling Himalaya in their sustainable development journeys since 1996. Key experiences will be presented to link practice to policy. The journey of Mineral Springs Sanjukta Vikash Sanstha will explore the world of small farmer's collective, organic certification and Darjeeling tea. The partnership with forest villagers of Singalila National Park will present mountain human wildlife conflict and conservation.

The Zero Waste Himalaya movement will highlight the Himalayan waste crisis from a systemic lens that goes beyond end of the pipeline management focus. These three cases will argue the need for mountain lens in policy and practice in development.

Roshan Rai is a development practioner at DLR Prerna with a keen interest in participatory development processes and institutions in the Himalaya. At present he is focusing on zero waste and food systems and engages beyond Darjeeling through Zero Waste Himalaya and Integrated Mountain Initiative.

