



# অপকণ Assam

75 Destinations








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*“Aparup” is an Assamese word which loosely translates to mean “unparalleled” or “exquisite” in English.*

*“Aparup Assam” intends to be a travel companion for tourists visiting Assam.*

*This book is designed to highlight the lesser known destinations of this beautiful state.*

*The editorial team would like to extend it's deepest gratitude to everyone involved in this project for their gracious support and encouragement.*





Government of Assam

# Message



I am happy to know that the Directorate of Tourism, Government of Assam has come up with the second edition of “**Aparup Assam**”, a tourist guide-book aimed at giving a boost to the offbeat and least-explored destinations in the state.

Despite holding immense potential, filled with scenic beauty and historical significance, a majority of tourist destinations in the state are yet to gain popularity among tourists, both domestic and foreign.

I am confident this book, highlighting seventy-five probable destinations in keeping with the theme of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*, is a commendable initiative that would encourage

tourists to add more destinations to their itinerary. This, I believe, would lend the tourism sector a much-required boost which in turn would provide the local communities of those hitherto least-visited areas an avenue for income by being a part of the tourism industry.

I congratulate the Directorate of Tourism, Government of Assam for this noble initiative and may this edition, similar to the first one, be well-received by all.

**Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma**  
Chief Minister of Assam







Government of Assam

# Message



**M**y greetings to all. I deem it my pleasure to learn that Directorate of Tourism, Assam in its bid to celebrate **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** commemorating the 75 years of our glorious independence, is releasing the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of '**Aparup Assam**'.

Assam a beautiful state is woven around hills, wetlands, wildlife sanctuaries and reserve forests. The state sustains an array of unique and rare flora, fauna gaining vibrancy from the mighty Brahmaputra and

Barak. The demography of our state and the cultural diversities developed from the life giving prosperity of these two rivers transforms Assam into a unique state.

'Aparup Assam' which depicts the lesser known destinations will feature 75 more off-beat tourist destinations of our state. However, with numerous tribes and ethnic communities in the midst of their unique cultural traits and cuisine, it is of course not an easy task to make a list embellishing the names of lesser known destinations of our beautiful state. Moreover, to chronicle the sequencing of our tribes with regard to their arrival to Assam from Indian Sub-continent and other South East Asian territories given the uneven topography of the state, I am sure making the list for the off-beat destinations will be a difficult job.

Nevertheless, I appreciate the endeavour of the Directorate of Tourism and its entire team for taking the initiative in releasing the 2nd edition of Aparup Assam. I hope it will give us an opportunity to present before our esteemed and valued tourists as to how our tourism is a means for socio-economic growth, friendship and inter-cultural understanding.

My congratulations and best wishes to all on this occasion.

**Jayanta Mallabaruah**

Minister of Tourism,  
Public Health Engineering,  
Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Assam







Government of Assam

# Message



In my official capacity, I have been in this enchanting land called Assam for over 30 years now. And as a job profile mandate, I have also toured the state extensively over these years. While many may say that the time spent in travelling would have been sufficient to know this land like the back of my hand, I would say that it is not possible at all. The more one travels through Assam, the more one discovers new and off-beat destinations.

The heterogeneous landscape, rich lands, picturesque rivers and rolling hills has made the land attractive for people of various communities and tribes to settle here over the ages. This has created a confluence of diverse ethnic groups. However, one thing is for certain. Assam is an eclectic blend of myriad cultures which makes it a haven for anthropologists and ethnologists. With different cultures come numerous monuments and a unique architecture, which attracts many a historian, tourist and archaeologist.

Although many sites have been discovered so far, given the topography of the state, there are yet many more that are still being unearthed. After the successful launch of Edition 1 of "Aparup Assam" comprising of 39 lesser known destinations – Aparup Assam Part-II Edition covers another set of 75 lesser known destinations of Assam. I commend the Directorate of Assam Tourism for launching the 2nd edition of the book, which showcases unexplored destinations.

I am certain that compiling these destinations was no easy task for which I thank the Director of Tourism, Assam and the entire team of the Directorate that has painstakingly compiled all these destinations with facts and higher resolution images to help readers explore Assam virtually, before embarking on the discovery of this enchanting land called Assam.

**Maninder Singh, IAS**  
Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam,  
Department of Tourism







# From the Director's Desk Tourism, Assam

Just seven months and we are back with the second edition of “Aparup Assam”. This had been possible because of the love and appreciation that you have showed on us. The bounties of your goodwill have always encouraged and inspired us to forge ahead in the road to make Assam the most favored Tourist destination in the world.

Wildlife, natural beauty, unique flora & fauna, holy shrines, lush green tea gardens, turbulent rivers, vibrant and colorful cultural festivals make this land a kaleidoscopic collage of incomparable exquisiteness. This land of ours exudes a rustic charm that can act like a soothing balm on the urban weary souls. This explains why our main selling point all these years had been nature and wildlife.

The second edition of “Aparup Assam” coincide with the celebration of seventy five glorious years of India's independence “Azadi ki Amrut Mohotsav” In keeping with this theme the book contains a list of seventy five off beat and least explored destinations. Each of the destination had been carefully curated to cater to a broad spectrum of tourist seeking diverse experiences. It is an extensive list but still

falls short of being called complete.

The idea behind publishing this book is to give more option to the tourist, so that they are encouraged to extend their length of stay. An attempt has also been made to create day long destination that would be mutually benefitting both for the local people and the visitors.

While working on the book every attempt had been made to keep it error free. But we can never claim perfection. Any discrepancies and error is unintentional and it is a humble request to bring it to our notice so that it can be rectified at the earliest.

Once again I would like to thank all our well wishers for encouraging us and also our critics who had fill us with the zeal to strive for the best. Let us all come together and take a pledge to make Assam the best tourist destination in the world. And for those who haven't yet visited Assam, I would like to say, give us a chance, visit this land, it will be an experience of a life time.

**Madhumita Bhagwati**



# Tourists' Guide Map of Assam

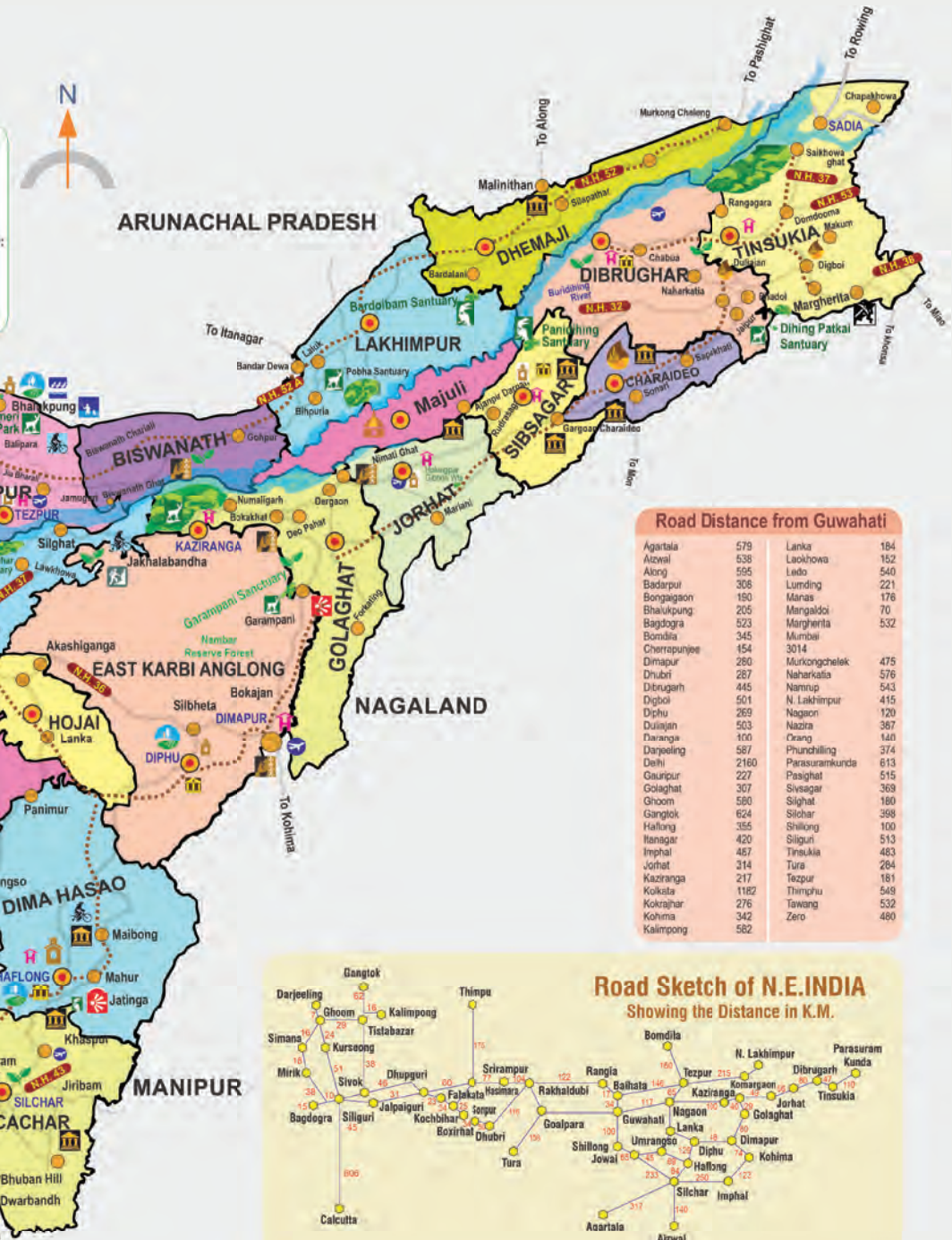


## Legend

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|---------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------------|
| Tourist Lodge | Hotel                | Airport      | Road: Metaled, Others     | Satra    | River                  | State Boundary |
| State Capital | District Headquarter | Other Places | National Park / Sanctuary | Manument | Ruins                  | Picnic Spot    |
| Boating Site  | Rafting              | Wildlife     | Bird Washing Site         | Treking  | Ideal Area for Cycling | Scenic Spot    |
| Tea Scape     | Oil Town             | Mining Town  | Craft Center              | Museum   | Angling                | Hot Spring     |



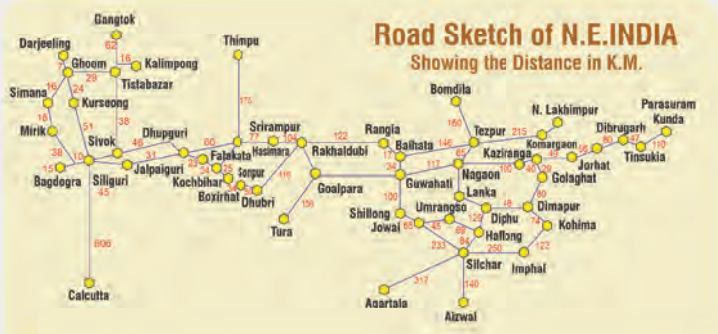
# ARUNACHAL PRADESH



## Road Distance from Guwahati

Agartala	579	Lanka	184
Aizawl	538	Lachhowa	152
Along	595	Lado	540
Bardarpur	306	Lumding	221
Bonggaon	180	Manas	176
Bhalukpong	205	Mangaldoi	70
Bagdogra	523	Margherita	532
Bomdila	345	Mumbai	
Cherrapunjee	154	3014	
Dimapur	280	Murkongcheklek	475
Dhubri	287	Naharkata	576
Dibrugarh	445	Namrup	543
Digboi	501	N. Lakhimpur	415
Diphu	269	Nagaon	120
Duliajan	503	Nazira	387
Daranga	100	Orang	140
Darjeeling	587	Phunchiling	374
Delhi	2160	Parasurankunda	613
Gauripur	227	Paasighat	515
Golaghat	307	Sivasagar	369
Ghoom	580	Slighat	160
Gangtok	624	Silchar	358
Halong	355	Shillong	100
Itanagar	420	Siliguri	513
Imphal	467	Tinsukia	483
Jorhat	314	Tura	284
Kaziranga	217	Tezpur	181
Kolkata	1182	Thimphu	549
Kokrajhar	276	Tawang	532
Kohima	342	Zero	480
Kalimpong	582		

## Road Sketch of N.E. INDIA Showing the Distance in K.M.



# Words from Abroad



## *That was Amazing*

*Diane Bracken, California, USA*

I visited Assam during my fifth trip to India. After experiencing some of the major attractions and the wonderful people, I made sure to come back at least two more times.

I started my visit with Kaziranga National Park and witnessed the one-horned rhino. Witnessing the lush tea gardens, visiting

the local villages and the enduring bumpy Jeep rides will forever be treasured by me. Learning the traditional Bihu dance, making Assamese friends, a tranquil ferry ride across the Brahmaputra River, visiting the old temples and spending a week in Majuli were some other unforgettable memories from this land that I wish to cherish forever.



## *Wherever you come from...*

*Emilie CREMIN,*

*Doctor in Geography, University of Paris 8 Saint-Denis, France*

In the heart of the North-east India, along the Brahmaputra flood plain, Assam host a great diversity of livelihoods: urban way of life is increasing among the population, but the rural life remains the root of the region. Assam is a land of linguistic diversity as well as communities speaks Assamese, Mising (Miri), Boro, Kachari, Kharbi and other local dialects.

Assam is also a land of rich biodiversity with Rhinoceroses, langurs, elephants

and a great diversity of birds that can be witnessed in the famous Kaziranga National Park.

Beside the local farming system that creates the great rural atmosphere of Assam, the tea production inherited from the British colonial time is still producing for exportation. Taking a cup of tea will certainly bring you back to where your home, wherever you come from.

Emilie CREMIN, doctor in Geography, University of Paris 8 Saint-Denis, France



## *Lovely People*

*Ifat Yagolnitzer, Israel*

One of the most fun experiences I have had was when I traveled in India for almost a year. Assam was one of the most special experiences. Assam is a land of lovely people, no matter wherever we were, the Assamese people hosted us warmly. We were exposed to the local culture and tradition. We saw how to make beer from rice, were

invited to events and celebrations and the beauty of nature really captivated us. We visited the villages and deepened our acquaintance with the locals. Even today, I am in touch with the people who hosted me there in Assam and I am really waiting for an opportunity to come back and meet them again and enjoy being in the magical land of "Assam".



## *Things to Discover*

*Martine Augait, Saint Maurice, France*

Just to be precise with my prime interest, I am a photographer for a national museum in France and my duty is to document the textiles and traditional clothes of the Asiatic minorities.

Five years ago, when I was travelling in Northeast India, after a wonderful but quite tiring trip to Arunachal Pradesh, my guide took me to Majuli Island in Assam. I had never heard about this place before. In the beginning, I was not very enthusiastic about Majuli as for me there were no tribes and no mountains to be fascinated with. But after spending 2 days in this river

island, I realized that there are many things to discover in the place. For Example, the interesting monastery of Dakhinpat Satra, the traditional pottery making in Nolduar and the friendly welcome of Mishing tribe in Halmora. However, my favourite part was the dancers and mask makers of Chamaguri who have the skill and the talent to mix beauty and a sense of humour to portray incredible masterpieces. If I have an opportunity to go back, I now know where to go as this place is full of surprises and I am looking forward to going back to Majuli in the future.





# DHUBRI





# Asharikandi

Asharikandi is located at a distance of 12 km from district headquarters Dhubri. This small village is known for its distinctive pottery and terracotta craft. Artistic skill, quality of Hiramati (special soil used for pottery), climatic conditions and an age-old tradition of Kumbhakarans (potters) have led to the creation of a unique Asarakandi pottery style.

Best Time to Visit:

Nearest Airport:

Nearest Railway Station:

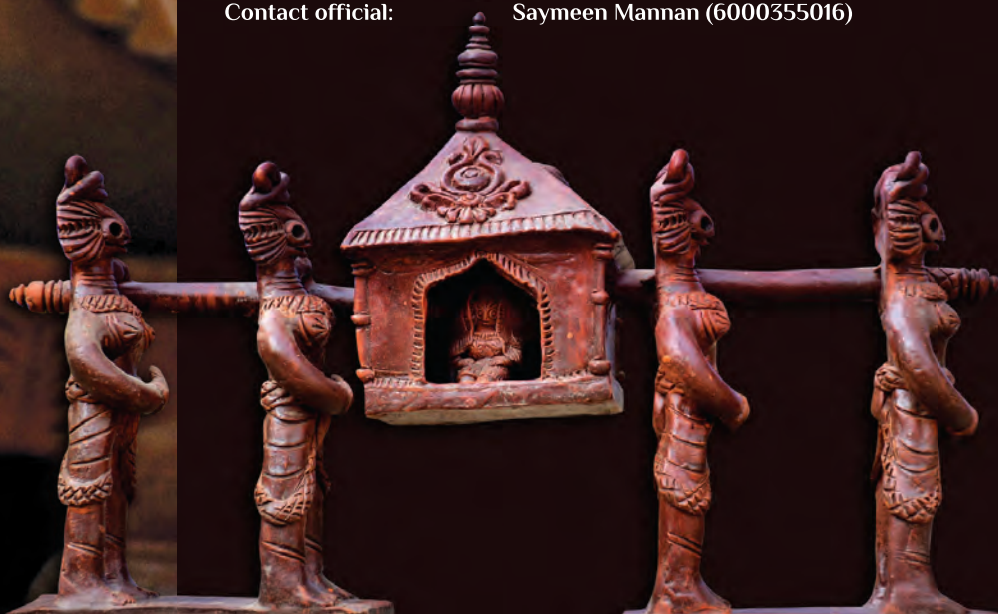
Contact official:

Throughout the year

Rupsi (Dhubri) 16km

Gauripur 9.9km

Saymeen Mannan (6000355016)



# DHUBRI



# Gurdwara Shri Teg Bahadur Sahib

**G**urdwara Sri Guru tegh Bahadur Sahib is the Gurdwara of Sikhs in Dhubri town. The first Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev, visited this place in 1505 AD and met Srimanta Sankardeva on his way when he traveled from Dhaka to Assam. Later, the 9th Guru Teg Bahadur came to this place and established this Gurdwara during the 17th century.

Pilgrims and devotees from various faiths across India and the world congregate at this Gurdwara every December, where Shaheedi Gurbpurab is celebrated to mark the martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur.

Best Time to Visit:

Throughout the year

Nearest Airport:

Rupsi (Dhubri) 16km

Nearest Railway Station:

Dhubri 1.7km

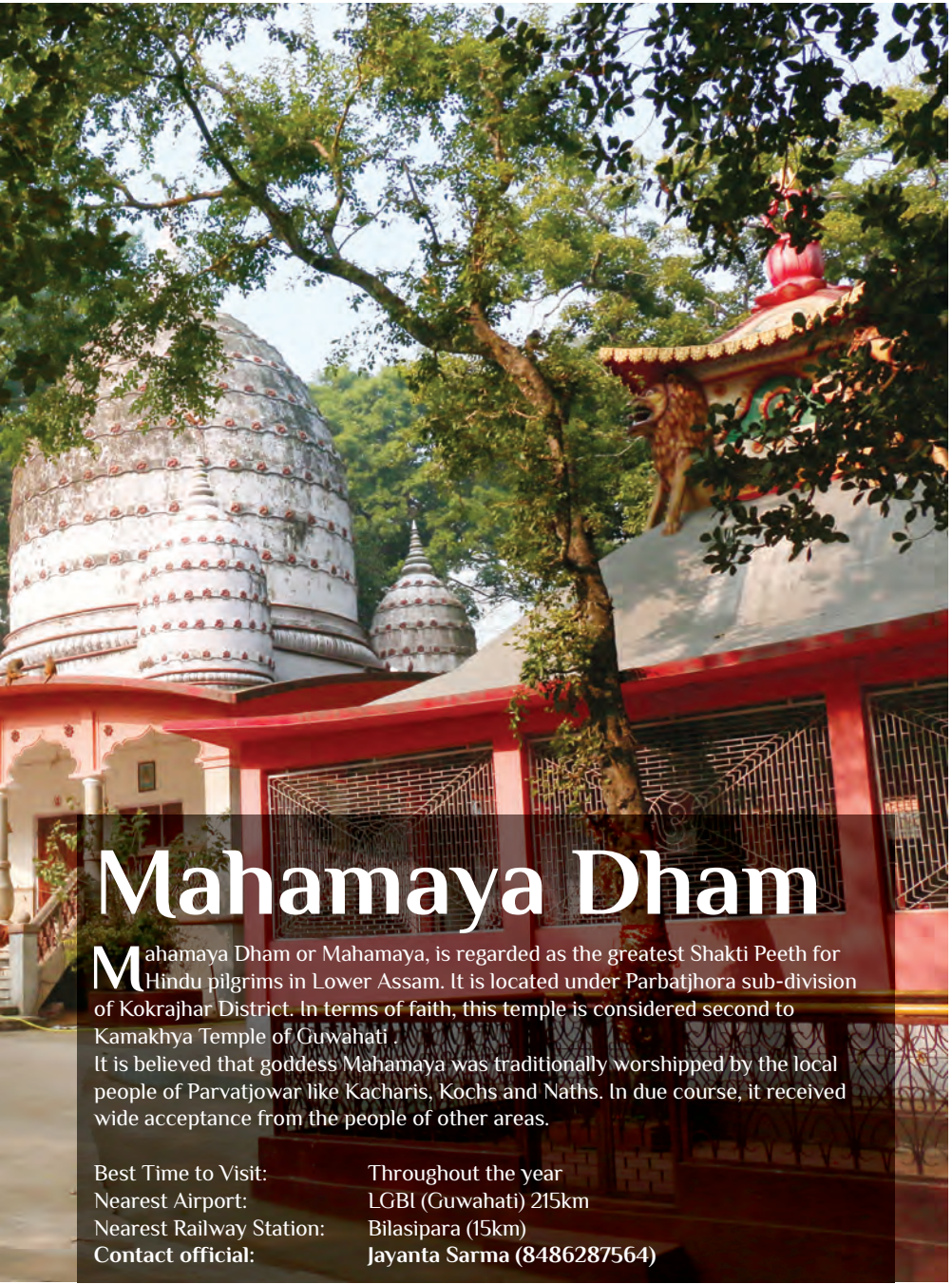
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# KOKRAJHAR





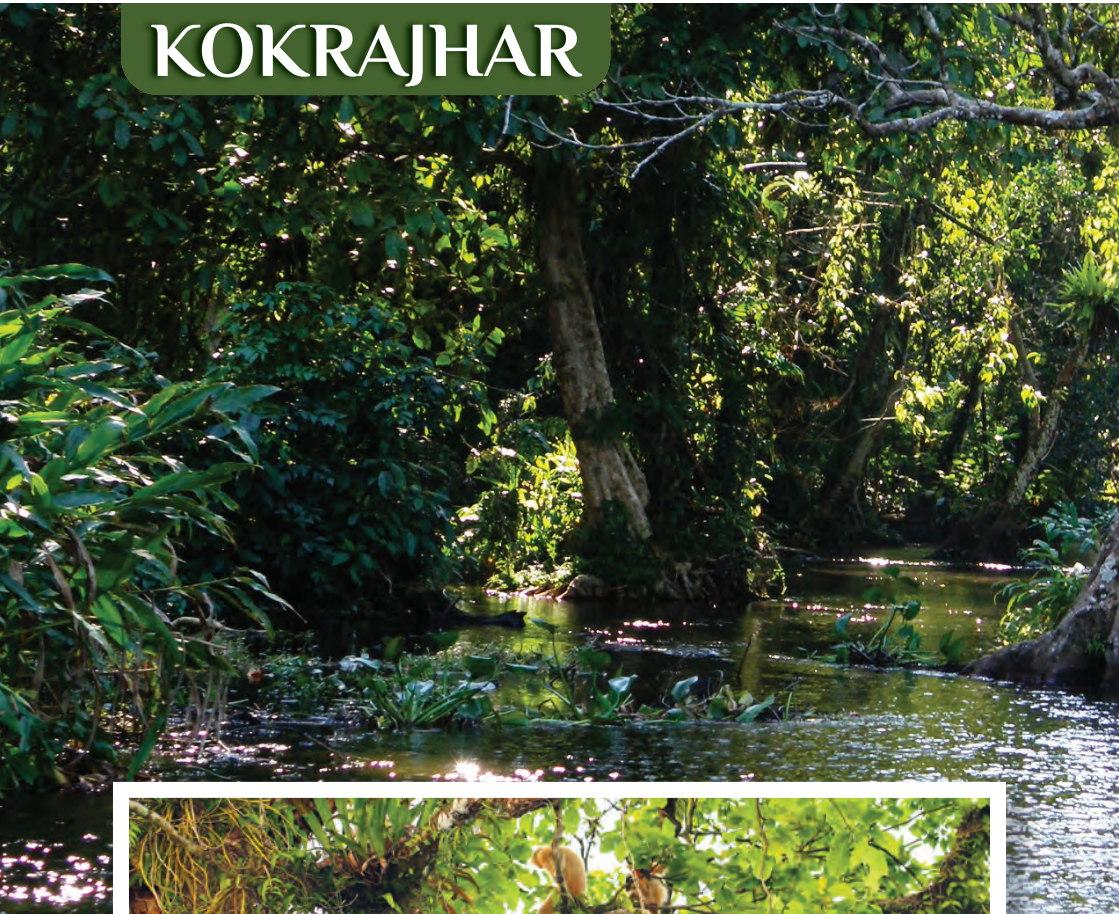
# Mahamaya Dham

**M**ahamaya Dham or Mahamaya, is regarded as the greatest Shakti Peeth for Hindu pilgrims in Lower Assam. It is located under Parbatjhora sub-division of Kokrajhar District. In terms of faith, this temple is considered second to Kamakhya Temple of Guwahati.

It is believed that goddess Mahamaya was traditionally worshipped by the local people of Parvatjowar like Kacharis, Kochs and Naths. In due course, it received wide acceptance from the people of other areas.

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the year
Nearest Airport:	LGBI (Guwahati) 215km
Nearest Railway Station:	Bilasipara (15km)
Contact official:	Jayanta Sarma (8486287564)

# KOKRAJHAR





# Ultapani Reserve Forest

**U**ltapani Reserve Forest is a biodiversity area situated under Holtugaon Forest Division of Manas Biosphere at a distance of 55 km from Kokrajhar. This forest is home to many species like the Golden langur, famous Great Pied Hornbill, etc. A wide variety of butterflies are found here.

Best Time to Visit:

Nearest Airport:

Nearest Railway Station:

Contact official:

Throughout the year

LGBI (Guwahati) 238km

Kokrajhar (50km)

Jayanta Sarma (8486287564)

# GOALPARA





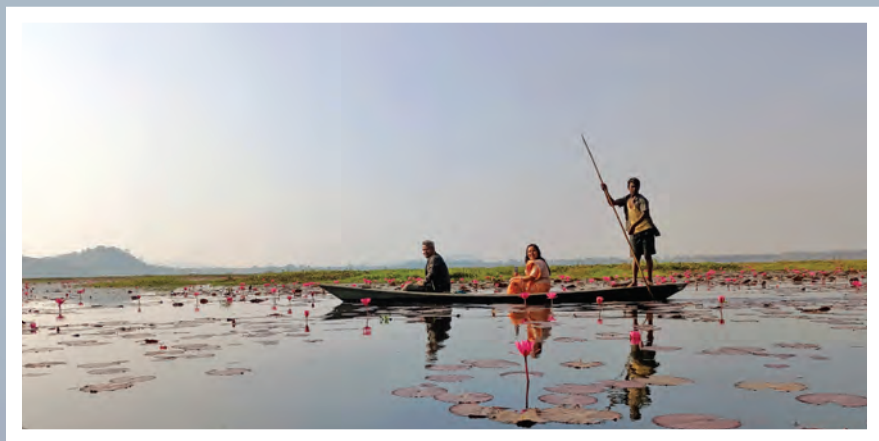
# Nishangram

**N**ishangram is located in Dudhnoi Circle of Goalpara district. The place is inhabited by the people of Garo tribe. The hard work and foresightedness of the people have made it one of the cleanest villages of Assam. Amidst beautiful natural setting and warm hospitable people, a visit to this village is an unforgettable experience.

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the year
Nearest Airport:	LGBI (Guwahati) 98km
Nearest Railway Station:	Dudhnoi 11km
Contact official:	<b>Jiban Gam (7896443034)</b>



# GOALPARA



# Urpad Beel

**U**rpad Beel is a natural lake located at Agia village in Goalpara district of Assam. This lake is situated at a distance of 9 km from Goalpara town. One of the biggest natural lakes of lower Assam, Urpad Beel is home to many varieties of fishes and birds like the Greater Adjutant, Cotton Pigmy Goose, Baya Weavers, Lesser Whistling Duck and Kingfisher. This lake is also known for aquatic plants such as water lily and common water hyacinth.

Best Time to Visit:	October to March
Nearest Airport:	LGBI (Guwahati) 114km
Nearest Railway Station:	Goalpara 15km
Contact official:	<b>Jiban Gam (7896443034)</b>



# BARPETA





# Jagat Guru Srimanta Sankaradeva Than (Patbaushi Satra, Barpeta)

A seat of Vaishnava faith, Patbaushi Satra is located in the northern part of Barpeta town. It is believed that the saint reformer Sri Sri Srimanta Sankaradeva, had spent 18 years of his creative life here and composed 240 Bargeets and Ankiya Nats, which are preserved, practiced and venerated even today. A constant dialogue and interaction of Sattriya arts and practice have made this Vaisnavite monastery one of the important centres of Sattriya culture

Best Time to Visit:

Nearest Airport:

Nearest Railway Station:

Contact official:

Throughout the year

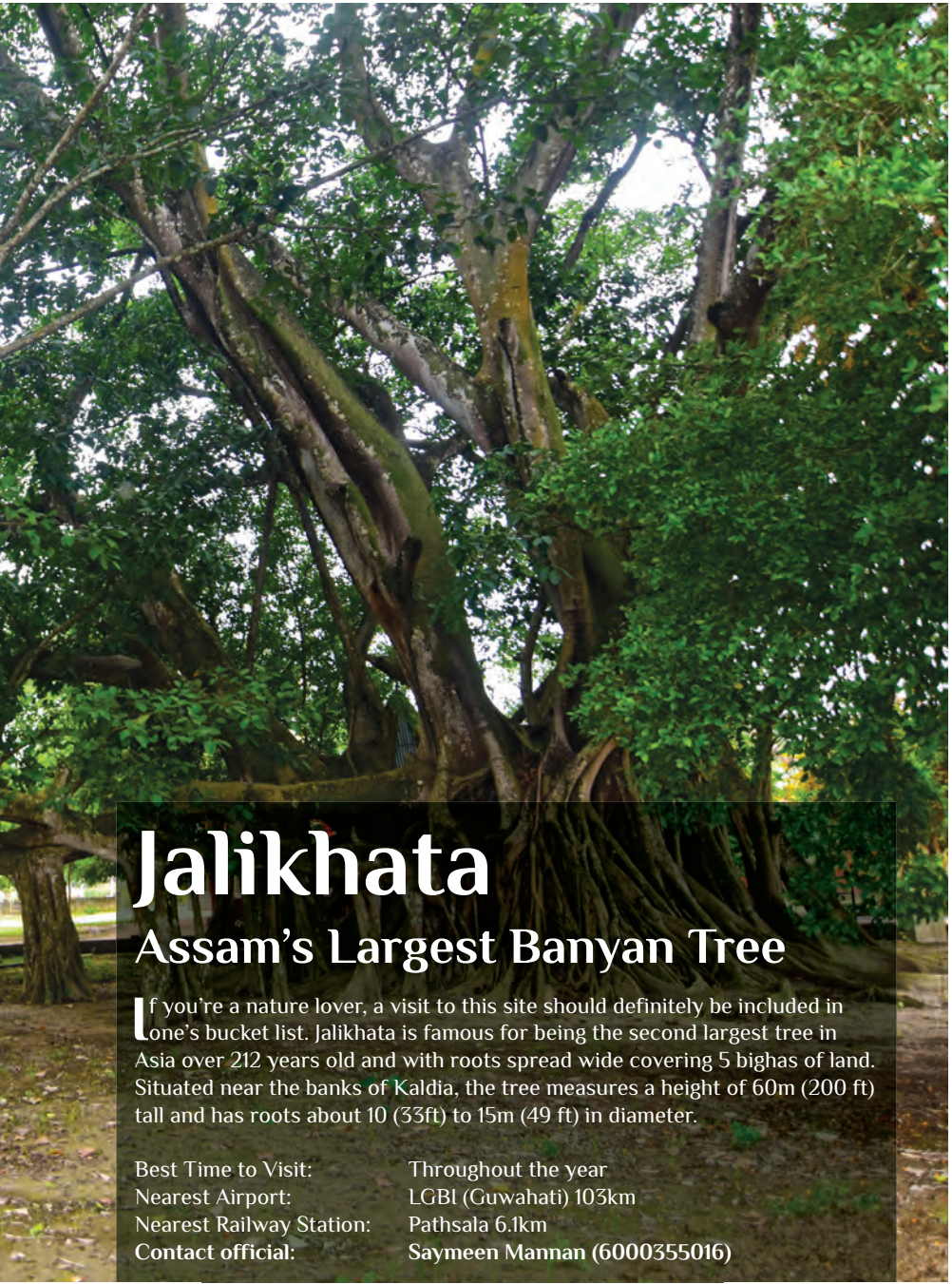
Guwahati 96 Km

Barpeta Road Railway Station (26Km)

Saymeen Mannan (6000355016)

# BAJALI





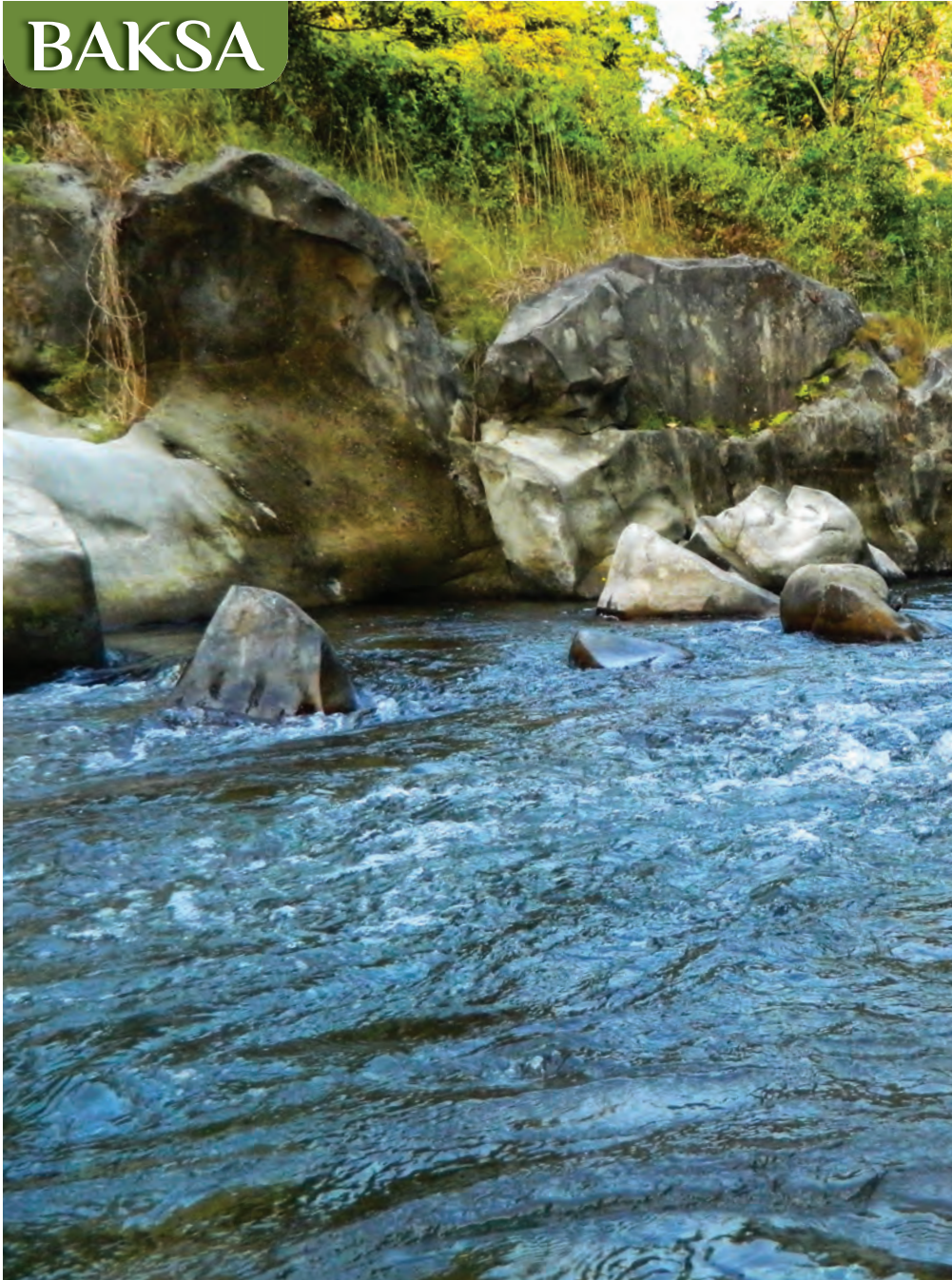
# Jalikhata

## Assam's Largest Banyan Tree

If you're a nature lover, a visit to this site should definitely be included in Lone's bucket list. Jalikhata is famous for being the second largest tree in Asia over 212 years old and with roots spread wide covering 5 bighas of land. Situated near the banks of Kaldia, the tree measures a height of 60m (200 ft) tall and has roots about 10 (33ft) to 15m (49 ft) in diameter.

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the year
Nearest Airport:	LGBI (Guwahati) 103km
Nearest Railway Station:	Pathsala 6.1km
Contact official:	Saymeen Mannan (6000355016)

# BAKSA





# Chowki Picnic Spot

Chowki is located at Uttarkuci in Baksa district of Assam. It is a popular picnic spot frequented by the local people and tourists alike for its splendid natural beauty and lush greenery.

Best Time to Visit:	November To January
Nearest Airport:	Guwahati (120km)
Nearest Railway Station:	Tihu (53Km)
Contact official:	Jayanta Sarma (8486287564)

# CHIRANG



# Kalamati

“Kala” means black and “Mati” means soil. Kalamati means a place where the soil is black. Located in the Indo Bhutan border in Chirang district, Kalamati is a popular picnic spot. Owing to abundance of salts and ores, the soil here takes on a blackish tone and hence the name. The place is also popular for orchids, butterflies and other rare wild animals.

Best Time to Visit:	October to May
Nearest Airport:	Rupsi (Dhubri) 132km
Nearest Railway Station:	Bongaigaon 22Km
Contact official:	Jayanta Sarma (8486287564)



# BONGAIGAON





# Rock Cut Cave (Jogighopa)

The five caves of Jogighopa, located at a distance of 38 km from Bongaigaon town is one of the finest examples of rock cut architecture from this region. They draw a strong artistic parallel with similar rock cut traditions of western India. They are said to have been constructed during the Salasthambha period (655 – 900 AD).

The best-preserved cave is 2.6 m wide, 1.8 m deep and up to 1.9 m high, with a slightly concave ceiling. An interesting aspect is the ledge around the entrance, which drains the rainwater.

It is believed that Ascetics used these chambers for meditation and hence the name Jogighopa meaning “cave of mendicants”.

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the year
Nearest Airport:	LGBI (Cuwahati) Airport 135km
Nearest Railway Station:	New Bongaigaon 37km
Contact official:	Saymeen Mannan (6000355016)

# BONGAIGAON





# Kakoijana Reserve Forest

**K**akoijana Reserved Forest is located near Abhayapuri in Bongaigaon district of Assam. The forest covers an area of 17.24 sq. km. and is famous for its population of Golden Langur. It is also home to some of the rarest and highly endangered species like Binturong, Jungle Fowl, Pangolin, Hornbill, Leopard, Porcupine, Python, Lesser Adjutant, Stork, Flying Squirrel, Monitor Lizard, Barking Deer, Mongoose, Civets, Jungle Cat, and Wild Cat.

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the year
Nearest Airport:	LGBI (Guwahati) 179km
Nearest Railway Station:	New Bongaigaon 14km
Contact official:	Saymeen Mannan (6000355016)



# TAMULPUR





# Bogamati

**B**ogamati is located near the Indo-Bhutan border in Baksa district. Covered with dense forest and bounded by the Barnadi river this is a famous picnic spot of the area. The scenic beauty of the Bhutan hill along with natural surrounding makes this place worth visiting.

Best Time to Visit: October to May  
Nearest Airport: LGBI (Guwahati) 93km  
Nearest Railway Station: Rangiya 45km  
Contact official: Jayanta Sarma (8486287564)

# UDALGURI





# Bornadi Wildlife Sanctuary

**B**ornadi Wildlife Sanctuary is situated on the foothills of Himalayas bordering Bhutan and Udalguri district. It is spread in an area of 26.22 sq. km. This sanctuary was named after the river Bornadi, which flows on its western border. It was established in 1980 to protect the hispid hare and pigmy hog. The sanctuary is also home to many birds such as the White Capped Water Redstart and the Red Billed Blue Magpie.

**Best Time to Visit:**

October to May

**Nearest Airport:**

LGBI (Guwahati) 94km

**Nearest Railway Station:**

Rangiya 55km

**Contact official:**

Jayanta Sarma (8486287564)

# NALBARI



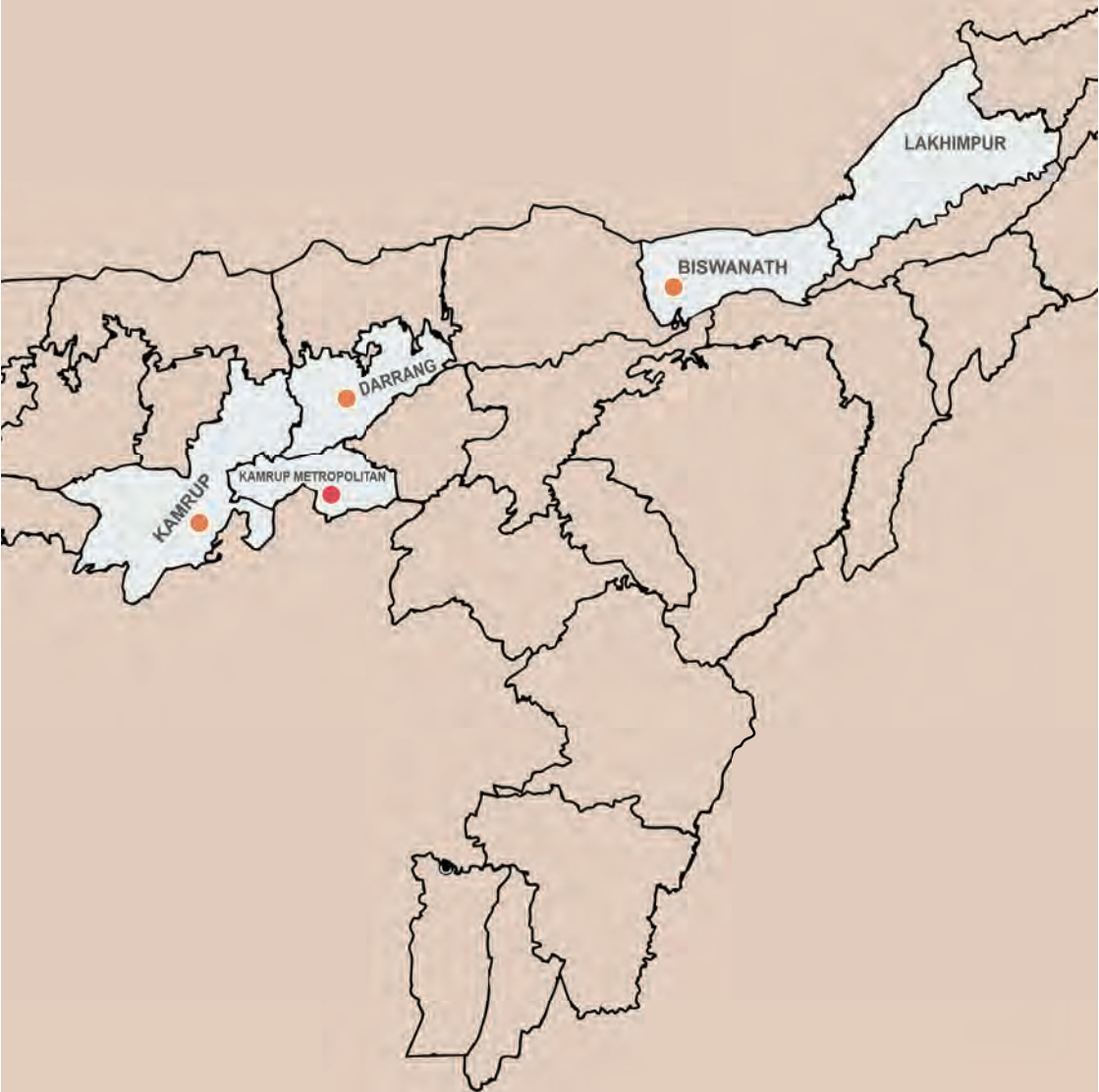
# Billeswar Devalaya

**B**illeswar Devalaya in Belsor, Nalbari, is an ancient Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. This temple is believed to have been built 500 years ago. Durga Puja is held with much fanfare in this temple.

Best Time to Visit:	September to February
Nearest Airport:	LGBI (Guwahati) 66km
Nearest Railway Station:	Nalbari 13km
Contact official:	Goutam Gogoi (9435796317)







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# KAMRUP



# Satar gaon

Satar gaon is located in the Rani Reserve Forest, in the vicinity of Guwahati. It is an important adventure and eco-tourism site. Inhabited by the people of the Rabha community, this place is very near to Deepor Beel Wildlife Sanctuary. The warm hospitality of locals coupled with the exotic natural surrounding makes this place an ideal destination for rural and nature based tourism.

Best Time to Visit:	November to March
Nearest Airport:	LGBI (Guwahati) 14km
Nearest Railway Station:	Azara 10km
Contact official:	<b>Jiban Gam (7896443034)</b>

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# Soul Sister Waterfall (Lampi)



**L**egends have it that the waterfall was named after two best friends Jharna and Kshaid. While Kshaid was the daughter of a Khasi farmer, Jharna was the motherless child of the Nepali village headman of Lumpi. Ironically, both their names meant waterfall. It is to celebrate their unique friendship, that the waterfall was named Soul Sister. One has to hike for 5.5 km to reach the spot.

Best Time to Visit:	October to April
Nearest Airport:	LGBI (Guwahati) 83km
Nearest Railway Station:	Boko 43km
Contact official:	Jiban Gam (7896443034)

# DARRANG



# Dhalpur Shiva Temple

**D**halpur Shiva Temple is believed to have been established in the pre-historic times by the Kirata people. The Dhalpur Hill, atop which the temple is situated, commands a magnificent view of the river Brahmaputra. The hill also has a few caves, which are said to had been once occupied by pre historic caveman.

**Best Time to Visit:**

Throughout the year

**Nearest Airport:**

LGBI (Guwahati) 65km

**Nearest Railway Station:**

Khoirabari (48km)

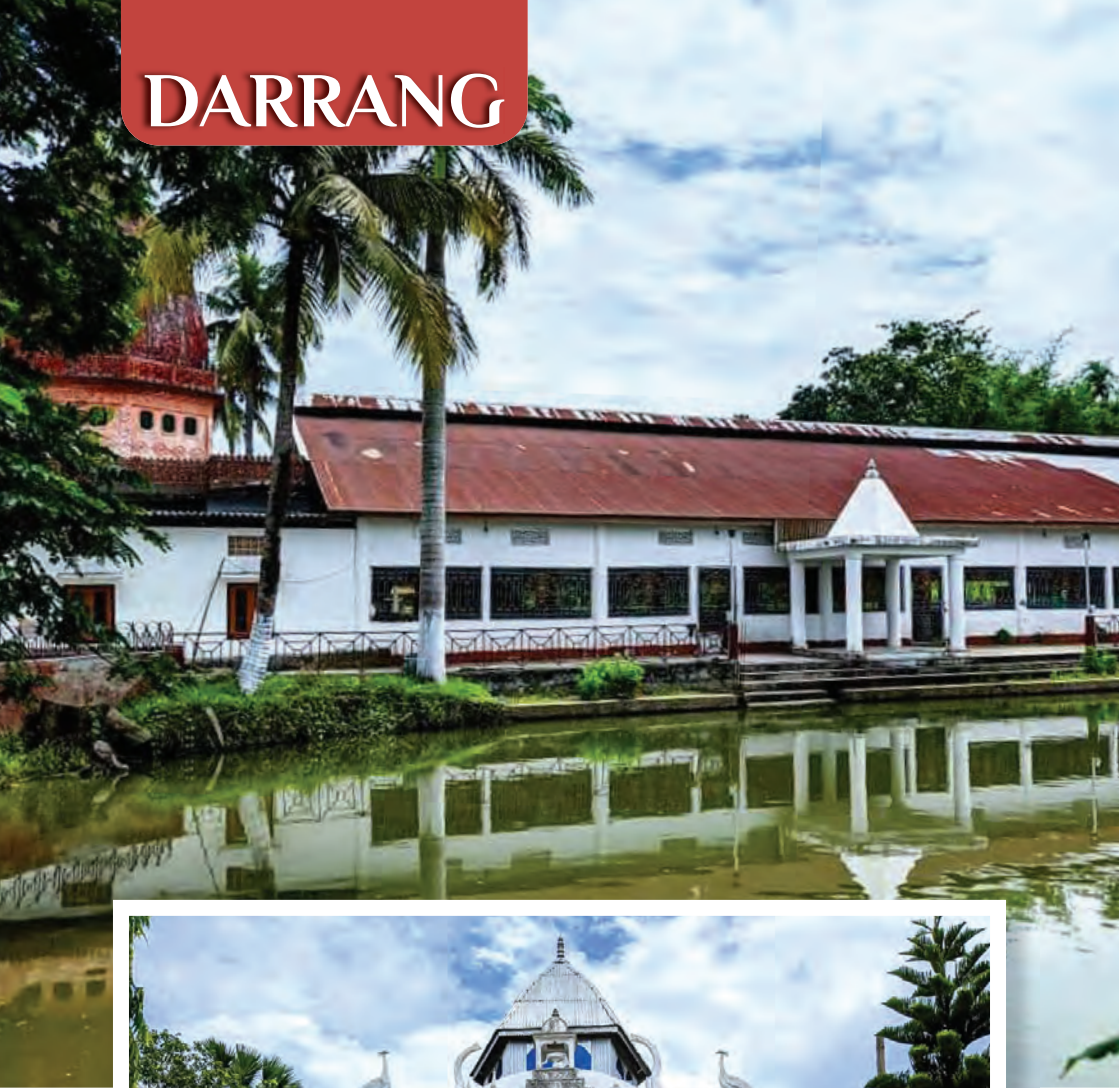
**Contact official:**

**Mantu Kumar Sarma (8638158038)**

**Bashab Bora (9854211317)**



# DARRANG





# Khatara Satra

**K**hatara Satra is considered to be one of the oldest Satras in Assam. It is situated at a distance of 22 km from Mangaldoi town. The disciple of Shri Madhab Deva, Shri Lechakonia Gobinda Ata founded the Satra around 450 years ago. It is now a leading centre for research and promotion of Sattriya culture.

Best Time to Visit:

Nearest Airport:

Nearest Railway Station:

Contact official:

Throughout the year

LGBI (Guwahati) 72km

Khoirabari (18km)

Mantu Kumar Sarma (8638158038)

Bashab Bora (9854211317)

# KAMRUP (METRO)





# Bhimashankar Temple

**B**himashankar Jyotirlinga in Guwahati is one of the twelve Jyotirlingas of Hindu God Shiva. It is believed that Lord Shiva had incarnated here to destroy a demon called Bhimasura. The linga is situated in Dakini Hills next to Deepor Beel. The road leading to the spot is surrounded by beautiful hill, small streams and bamboo grooves.

**Best Time to Visit:**

Throughout the Year

**Nearest Airport:**

LGBI Guwahati (15km)

**Nearest Railway Station:**

Guwahati (13km)

**Contact official:**

Meenakshi Deka (9864071100)



# KAMRUP (METRO)



# Deepor Beel

**D**eepor Beel is located to the south-west of Guwahati city, in Kamrup Metropolitan district. It is a permanent freshwater lake, created by a former channel of the Brahmaputra River, to the south of the main river. In November 2002, the Beel was designated a Ramsar Site.

Considered one of the largest beels of Lower Assam, it is categorized as representative of the wetland type under the Burma monsoon forest biogeographic region.

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the Year
Nearest Airport:	LGBI Guwahati (10km)
Nearest Railway Station:	Guwahati (17km)
Contact official:	Meenakshi Deka (9864071100)



Photo: Sangib Kumar Barman

# KAMRUP (METRO)



## Mahabahu Brahmaputra River Heritage Centre



**P**erched on a hillock by the banks of river Brahmaputra, the British era bungalow also known as the Deputy Commissioner's Bungalow has been restored, renovated and converted into Brahmaputra River Heritage Centre. The heritage centre has on display the history of the Battle of Saraighat, the heritage of Assamese war boats, an amphitheatre, an exhibition space, a cafeteria and two viewing decks.

The other attractions include a collection of traditional fishing equipment, photographs and artefacts related to the history of Guwahati and river transport, installations depicting the textile designs, ethnic motifs and indigenous musical instruments of communities inhabiting the banks of the Brahmaputra.

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the Year
Nearest Airport:	LGBI Guwahati (21km)
Nearest Railway Station:	Guwahati (1.2km)
Contact official:	Meenakshi Deka (9864071100)



# BISWANATH





# Uma Tumoni

Umatumoni is a beautiful island on the river Brahmaputra near Biswanath Ghat. The island can be visited using country boats that are readily available on the banks. The island had a resort named Green Ashiyana Island Resort, where a traveler can unwind amidst the beautiful environs.

Best Time to Visit:	October to April
Nearest Airport:	Salonibari Airport, Tezpur 80 Km
Nearest Railway Station:	Biswanath Chariali (15 Km)
Contact official:	Pranjal Bora (9707122492)

# BISWANATH

## Bishwanath Temple

**B**ishwanath Temple, also known as “Gupta Kashi”, is located at the confluence of Bridhaganga (Burigonga) and Brahmaputra. It is called Gupta Kashi, as it is believed to have resembled Kashi during the golden age of the Gupta Dynasty. During the rainy season the ‘Shiva linga’ of the erstwhile Bishwanath temple goes underwater and as the dry season approaches it reappears, which is then covered by a temporary shed. Puja in the ‘Gupta Kashi’ has been held since the 16th Century as per ‘Mangalik’ rituals..

Best Time to Visit:                      October to April  
Nearest Airport:                         Salonibari Airport 80km  
Nearest Railway Station:             Bishwanath Chariali 15km  
Contact official:                         Pranjal Bora (9707122492)





# LAKHIMPUR





# Leteku Pukhuri

The birthplace of great saint poet and principal apostle of Mahapurush Srimanta Sankaradeva, Sri Sri Mahapurush Madhavadeva, the place draws a lot of visitors planning their visit for their spiritual offerings.

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the year
Nearest Airport:	Lilabari (Lakhimpur)
Nearest Railway Station:	Titabahar 6km
Contact official:	Pranjal Bora (9707122492)

# LAKHIMPUR





# Maghnowa Douli

**M**aghnowa Douli is a famous archaeological site related to the Ahom dynasty. Situated near the Pichola river, the temple was constructed by Rudra Simha in the year 1705. Dedicated to Devi worship the architectural design holds its unique structural and constructional greatness as often related to the Ahom dynasty.

**Best Time to Visit:**

Throughout the year

**Nearest Airport:**

Lilabari (Lakhimpur) 59km

**Nearest Railway Station:**

Titabahr 5km

**Contact official:**

**Pranjali Bora (9707122492)**





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# CACHAR



# Aina Chora

**A**ina Chora is located 32 kms from Silchar town towards Kumbhirgram and near Aina Chora Tea Estate. Aina Chora is a small beautiful rivulet where people can come for a daylong excursion to spend time amidst nature and beautiful sceneries.

Best Time to Visit:	October to April
Nearest Airport:	Kumbhirgram (Silchar) 22km
Nearest Railway Station:	Silchar (12.9km)
Contact official:	<b>Nirmendu Kemprai (9678744347)</b> <b>Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)</b>



# CACHAR





# Barambaba Mandir

The temple was established in the year 1860, at the initiative of the tea garden workers. Thousands of devotees from all over the country visit the temple to participate in the mela held on the occasion of Kartik Purnima every year. It is situated at a distance of 10 km from Silchar town.

Best Time to Visit:

Nearest Airport:

Nearest Railway Station:

Contact official:

Throughout the year

Kumbhirgram Airport (37km)

Silchar (17km)

Nirmendu Kemprai (9678744347)

Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)

# CACHAR



# Bhuvan Hill & Bhubaneshwar Temple

**F**ifty kilometres from Silchar is Bhuvan Hill. The Bhubaneshwar Temple, the most well-known Shiva temple in southern Assam, is located at its summit. The temple receives thousands of Shaivite pilgrims during the festival of Shivratri. Five kilometres from this site lies the Maniharan Tunnel, which, according to mythology, was used by Lord Krishna. Hence, the Maniharan Temple, on premises of the tunnel, is dedicated to Krishna.

Best Time to Visit:	October to April
Nearest Airport:	Kumbhirgram (Silchar)
Nearest Railway Station:	Silchar
Contact official:	<b>Nirmendu Kemprai (9678744347)</b> <b>Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)</b>



# CACHAR





# KachaKanti Mandir

**K**achakanti Mandir is a Hindu temple dedicated to the Dimasa Kachari Mother Goddess “Kachakanti”. It is one of the oldest temple of Cachar district which was established by the Kachari Kings. “Kachakanti” Devi is said to be the amalgamation of two powerful Hindu deities – Maa Durga and Maa Kali.

Best Time to Visit:

December to January

Nearest Airport:

Kumbhirgram (Silchar) 13km

Nearest Railway Station:

Silchar 12.9km

Contact official:

Nirmendu Kemprai (9678744347)

Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)

# CACHAR



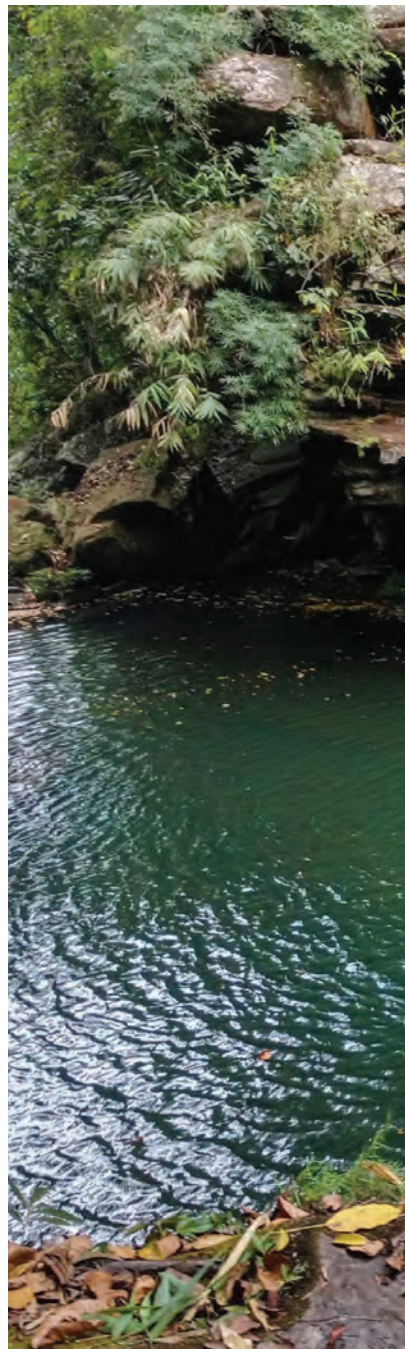
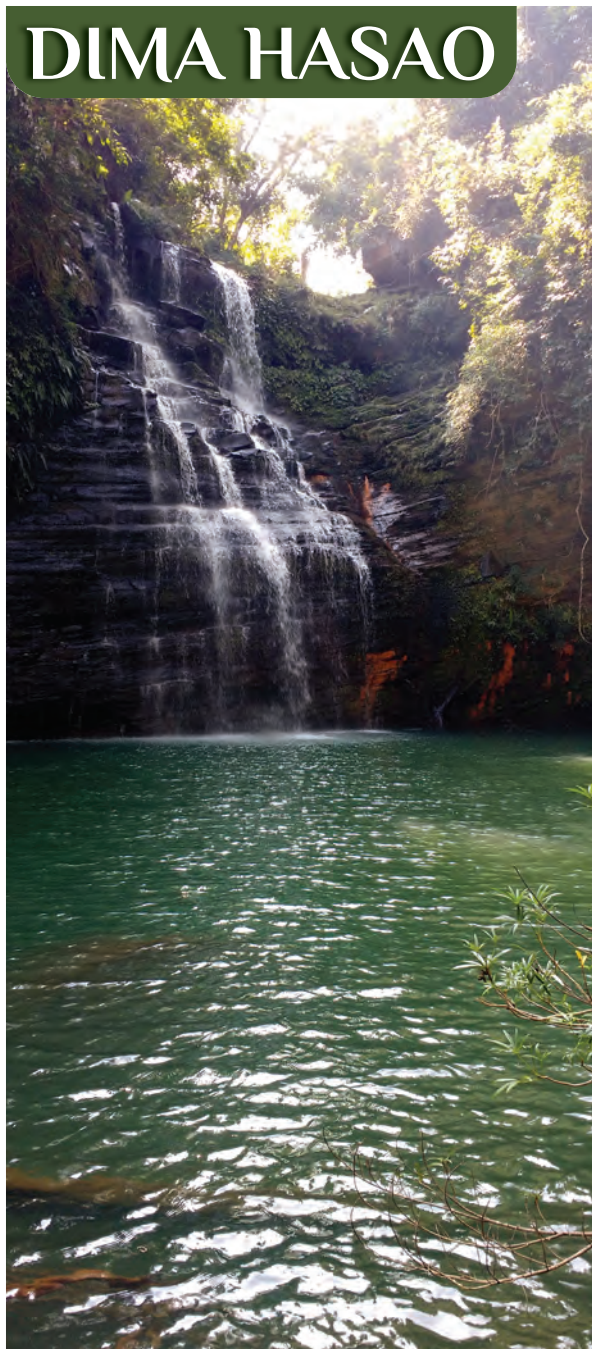
# Khaspur

A short distance away from the city lies the ruins of the once powerful Kachari Kingdom. Khaspur, its capital city, was completed in 1690. According to legend, the Kacharis were the descendants of Ghatotkacha, who was the son of Bhima (the second Pandava, from the Mahabharata). The Kachari palace no longer stands but other structures such as the Sun Gate, the Lion Gate and the age-old King's Temple, although weather-beaten, have withstood the ravages of time. One can still see beautiful carvings on the walls of these buildings.

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the year
Nearest Airport:	Kumbhirgram (Silchar) 12km
Nearest Railway Station:	Silchar (20km)
Contact official:	<b>Nirmendu Kemprai (9678744347)</b> <b>Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)</b>



# DIMA HASAO





# Bendo Baiglai Waterfall, Samparidisa

**S**amparidisa is a picturesque village surrounded by lush virgin greenery. Bendo Baiglai waterfall is located in the Abong river about 5 km away from Samparidisa village.

**Best Time to Visit:**

**Nearest Airport:**

**Nearest Railway Station:**

**Contact official:**

Throughout the year

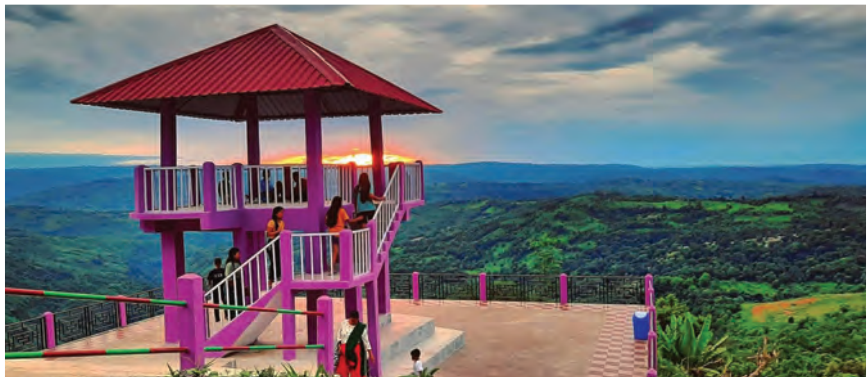
Kumbhirgram (Silchar) 133km

New Haflong 30km

Nirmendu Kemprai (9678744347)

Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)

# DIMA HASAO





# Gunjung

Gunjung is an ideal place for sightseeing, trekking and adventure sports like paragliding and angling. A few waterfalls located in its vicinity are also a big draw for the tourists.

**Best Time to Visit:**

**Nearest Airport:**

**Nearest Railway Station:**

**Contact official:**

Throughout the year

Kumbhirgram (Silchar) 140km

New Haflong 37km

Nirmendu Kemprai (9678744347)

Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)

# DIMA HASAO





# Maibang

About 50 km away from Halflong, on the banks of the River Mahur, lies the ancient town Maibang. Once the capital of Dimacha Kingdom of the Kachari rulers (16th – 18th century), Maibang is now the one of the regional headquarters of the Dima Hasao District. Maibang is blessed with a scenic landscape and ornamented with the ruins and monuments of its erstwhile rulers.

Maibang's famous attraction is the Ramchandi Temple. This two-roofed monolithic temple is an architectural wonder, having been chiselled out of a single rock. It bears inscriptions of dating back to 1761 CE.

**Best Time to Visit:**

**Nearest Airport:**

**Nearest Railway Station:**

**Contact official:**

Throughout the year

Kumbhirgram (Silchar) 160km

New Haflong 60km

**Nirmendu Kemprai (9678744347)**

**Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)**

# DIMA HASAO



# Mairongma Daogah Waterfall

“Mairongma Daogah” waterfall, located in Panimur, is a nature lover’s paradise. It is a place of immense scenic beauty that can soothe the mind and the body alike.

Best Time to Visit:

Throughout the year

Nearest Airport:

Kumbhirgram (Silchar) (220km)

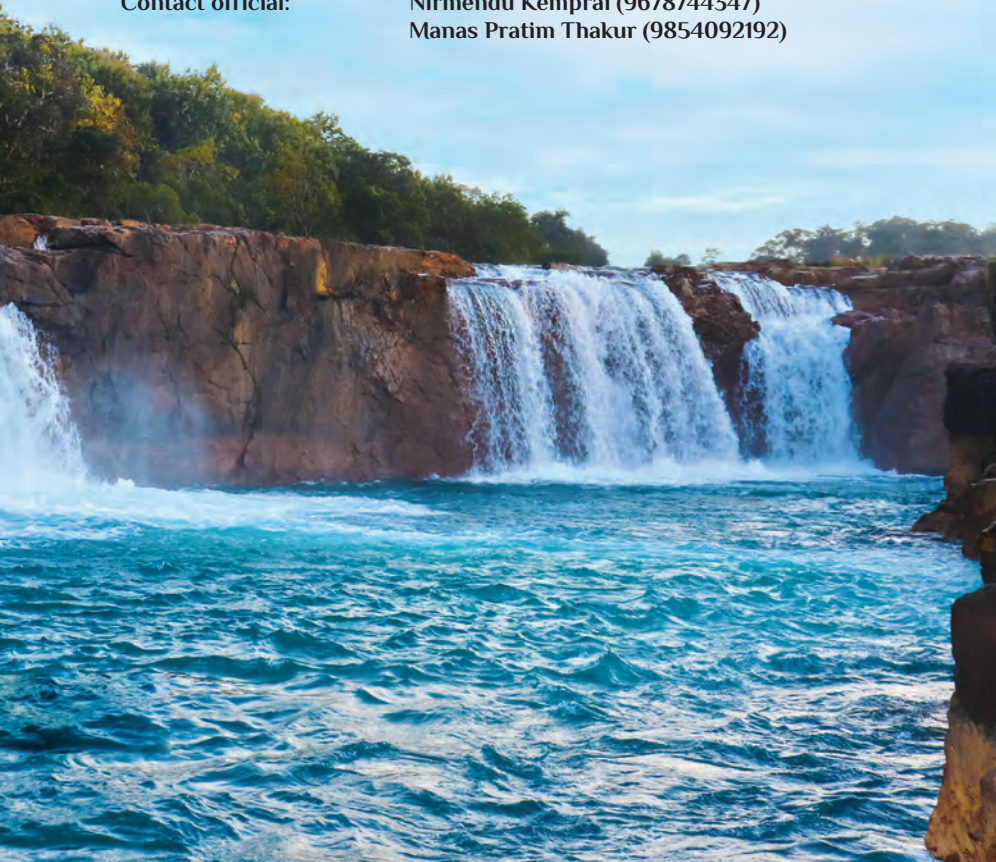
Nearest Railway Station:

Lanka (40km)

Contact official:

Nirmendu Kemprai (9678744347)

Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)



DIMA HASAO



# Sielkal Peak

**T**he peak is located on the Borail range near Tumjang village at a distance of 46 km from Haflong. The magnificent view it offers make it an ideal destination for nature lovers.

**Best Time to Visit:**

**Nearest Airport:**

**Nearest Railway Station:**

**Contact official:**

Throughout the year

Kumbhirgram (Silchar) 121km

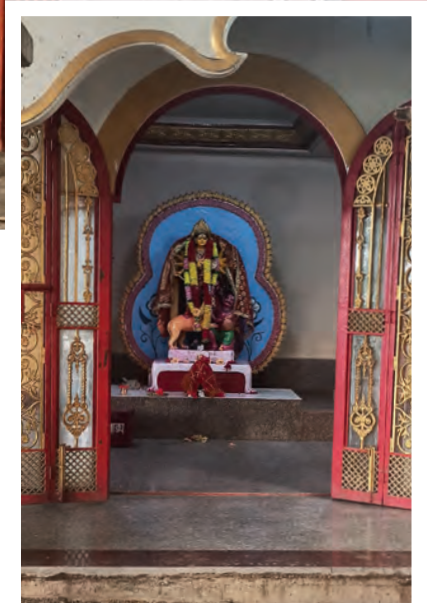
New Haflong 53 km

**Nirmendu Kemprai (9678744347)**

**Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)**



# HAILAKANDI





# Siddeswar Temple

**S**iddheswar temple, also known as Kapilashram or Kapilmunir Ashram, is located at a distance of 25 km from Hailakandi town. It is one of the oldest temples of Barak Valley dedicated to Lord Shiva. The Shivalinga of the temple is said to have been installed by sage and philosopher Kapila. The fortnight-long Baruni Mela, held during the month of March, is thronged by devotees from across the country.

Best Time to Visit:

Throughout the year

Nearest Airport:

Kumbhirgram (Silchar) 42km

Nearest Railway Station:

Panchgram 2km

Contact official:

Nirmendu Kemprai (9678744347)

Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)

# KARBI ANGLONG



# Kangthilangso Waterfall

**K**angthilangso is one of the new-found treasures of Karbi Anglong. It is 100 Km from Diphu, the nearest town being Den Arong (Dengaon) on NH 36, from where one has to travel 12 km more to reach the site. Cupped tenderly by the walls of the verdant hills, it is exhilarating to see the waterfall surging down the hill track, thereby making a small pond, where revelers could soak in it's cool water to beat the hot summer heat.

Best Time to Visit:	October to March
Nearest Airport:	Dimapur 133km
Nearest Railway Station:	Diphu 109km
Contact official:	Mirjeng Ranghang (7002756771) Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)

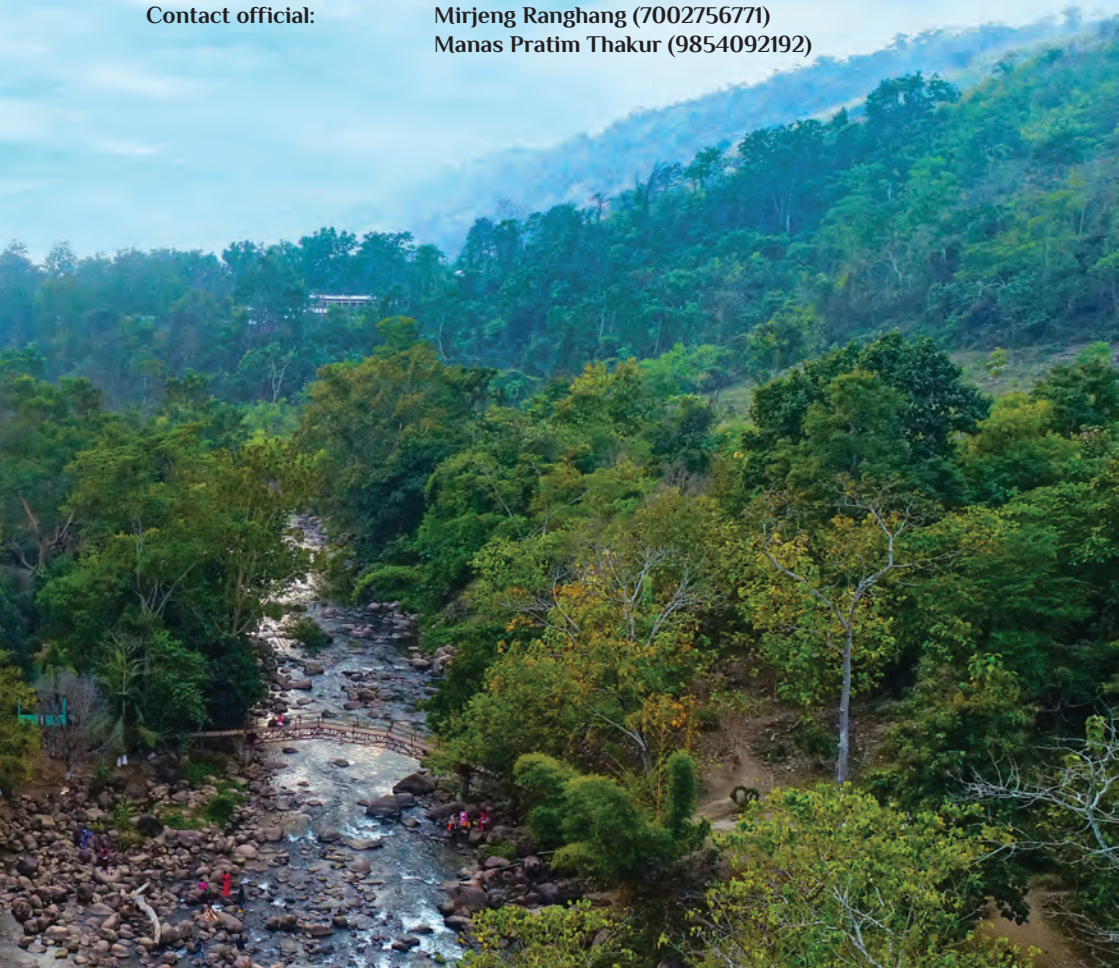
# KARBI ANGLONG



# Longsokangthu Picnic Spot

Longsokangthu is a beautiful picnic spot some 25 km from Diphu. The clear gurgling streams, set amidst lush green hills is heaven for those who want to unwind and escape from the hustle and bustle of urban life. A park nearby on the banks of the river Longnit is another attraction of this area.

Best Time to Visit:	October to March
Nearest Airport:	Dimapur 49km
Nearest Railway Station:	Diphu 25km
Contact official:	Mirjeng Ranghang (7002756771) Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)



# WEST KARBI ANGLONG



# Amreng

**A**mreng, is a river cape, which is about 120 km away from Diphu. This picturesque land is situated between the river Kapili and its tributary. Set amidst lush evergreen forest and magnificent blue water, this place is sure to leave anyone enthralled.

Best Time to Visit:

November to February

Nearest Airport:

Salonibari (Tezpur) 134 km

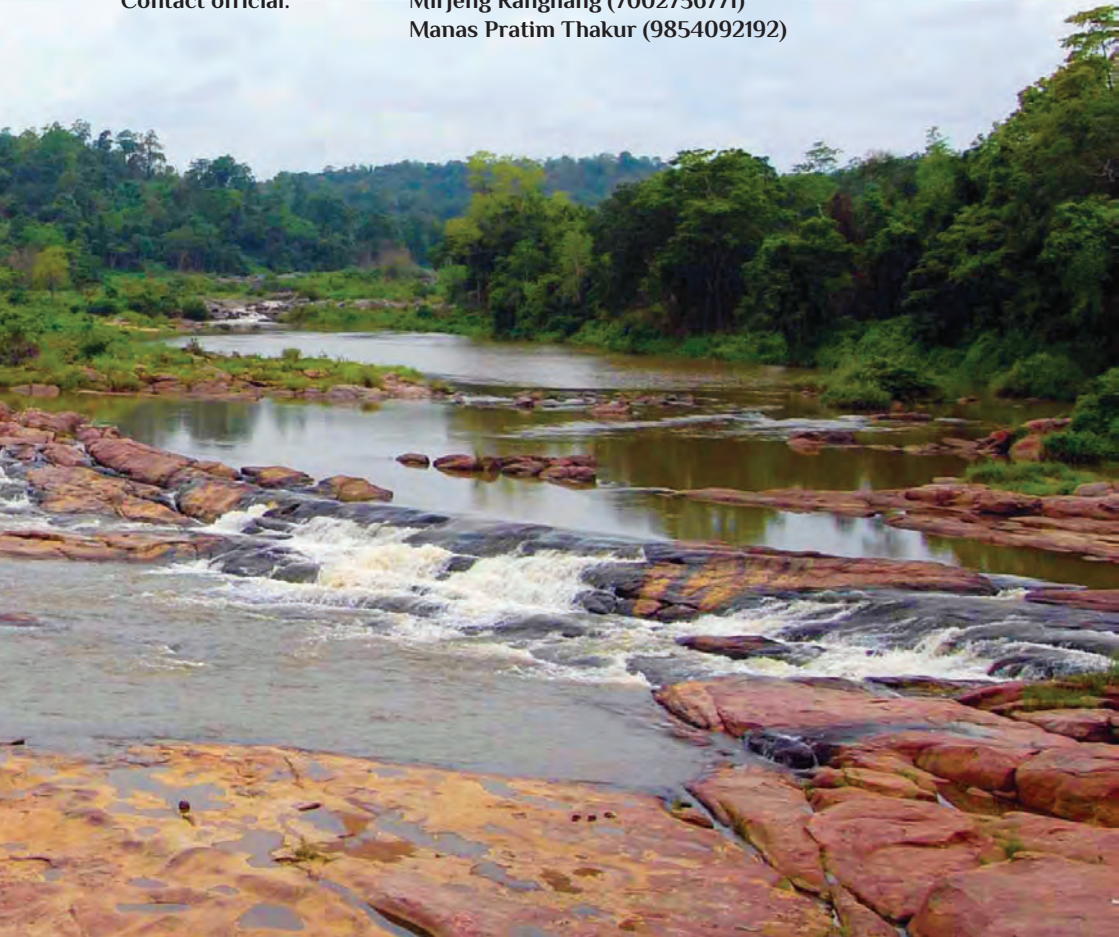
Nearest Railway Station:

Lanka 34 km

Contact official:

**Mirjeng Ranghang (7002756771)**

**Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)**



# WEST KARBI ANGLONG



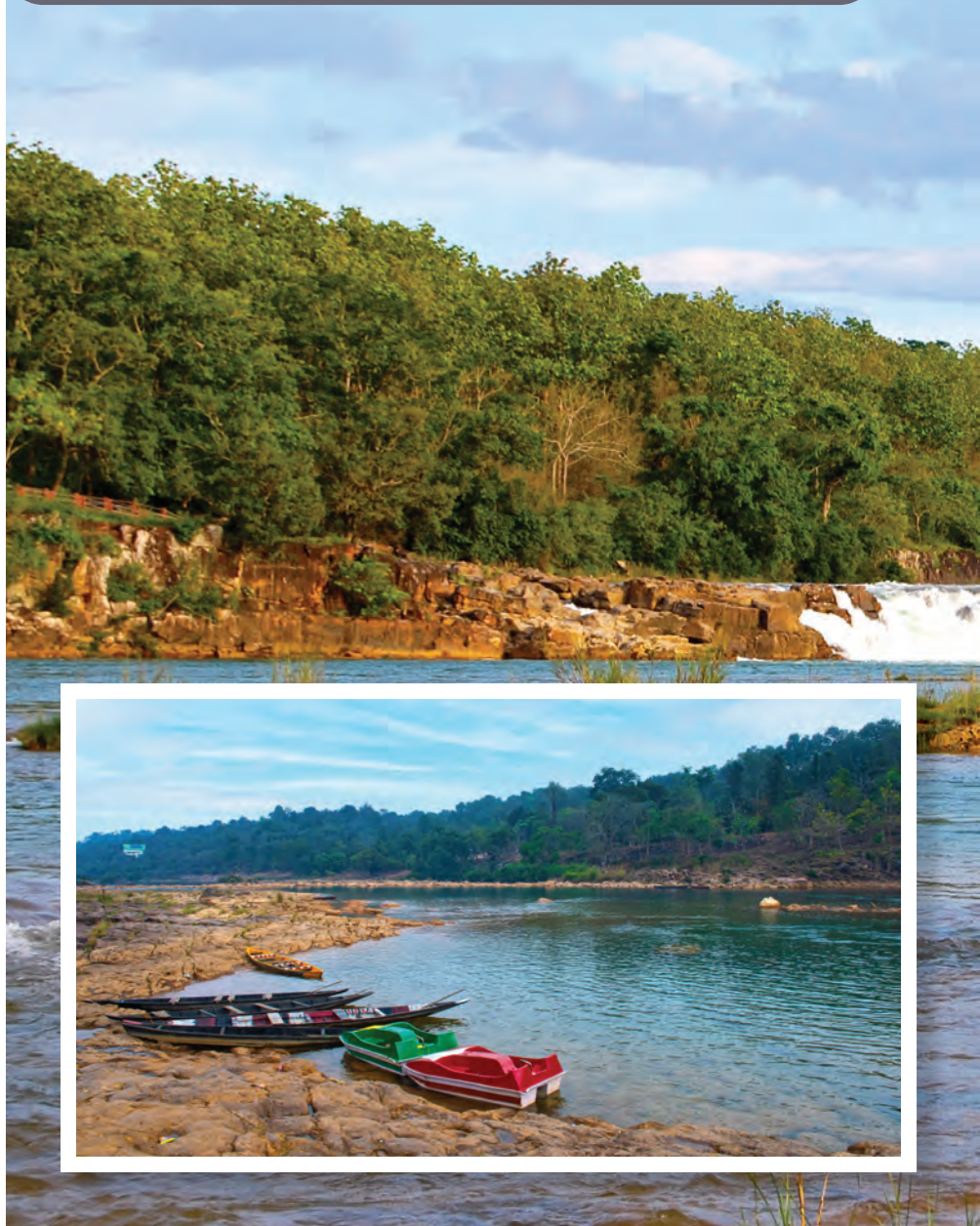
# Khanduli

**K**handuli is 26-km from Hamen, on Jowai-Shillong Road bordering the state of Meghalaya. It is a place of immense natural beauty famous for the wide expanse of grasslands. The place had been christened “New Zealand of the East”

Best Time to Visit:	November to February
Nearest Airport:	Umroi (Shillong) 34 km
Nearest Railway Station:	Hojai 74 km
Contact official:	<b>Mirjeng Ranghang (7002756771)</b> <b>Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)</b>



# WEST KARBI ANGLONG



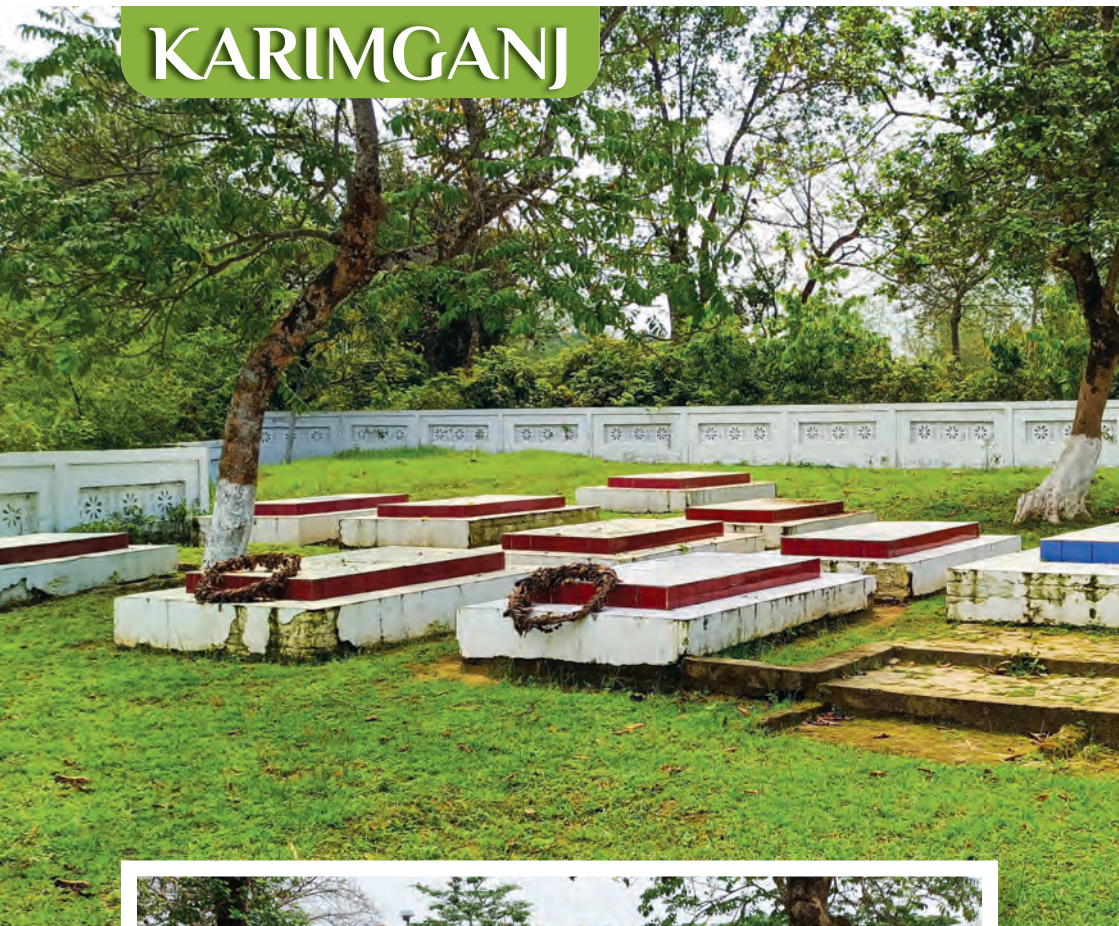
# Koka Picnic Spot

**K**oka is situated in the West Karbi Anglong district along the Kapili river. Blue waters, beautiful surroundings, cascading waterfalls make this place a picnicker's paradise.

Best Time to Visit:	November to February
Nearest Airport:	Salonibari (Tezpur) 139 km
Nearest Railway Station:	Lanka 34 km
Contact official:	Mirjeng Ranghang (7002756771) Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)



# KARIMGANJ





# Malegarh

**M**alegarh – not yet designated a cemetery – is a burial ground of the bodies of 26 soldiers of the 34th Native Infantry of Chittagong, who were among the 300 plus soldiers who had revolted against the British (in what is presently Bangladesh) and made away with arms, ammunitions and cash from Chittagong on 18th November 1857.

Best Time to Visit:

Nearest Airport:

Nearest Railway Station:

Contact official:

October to April

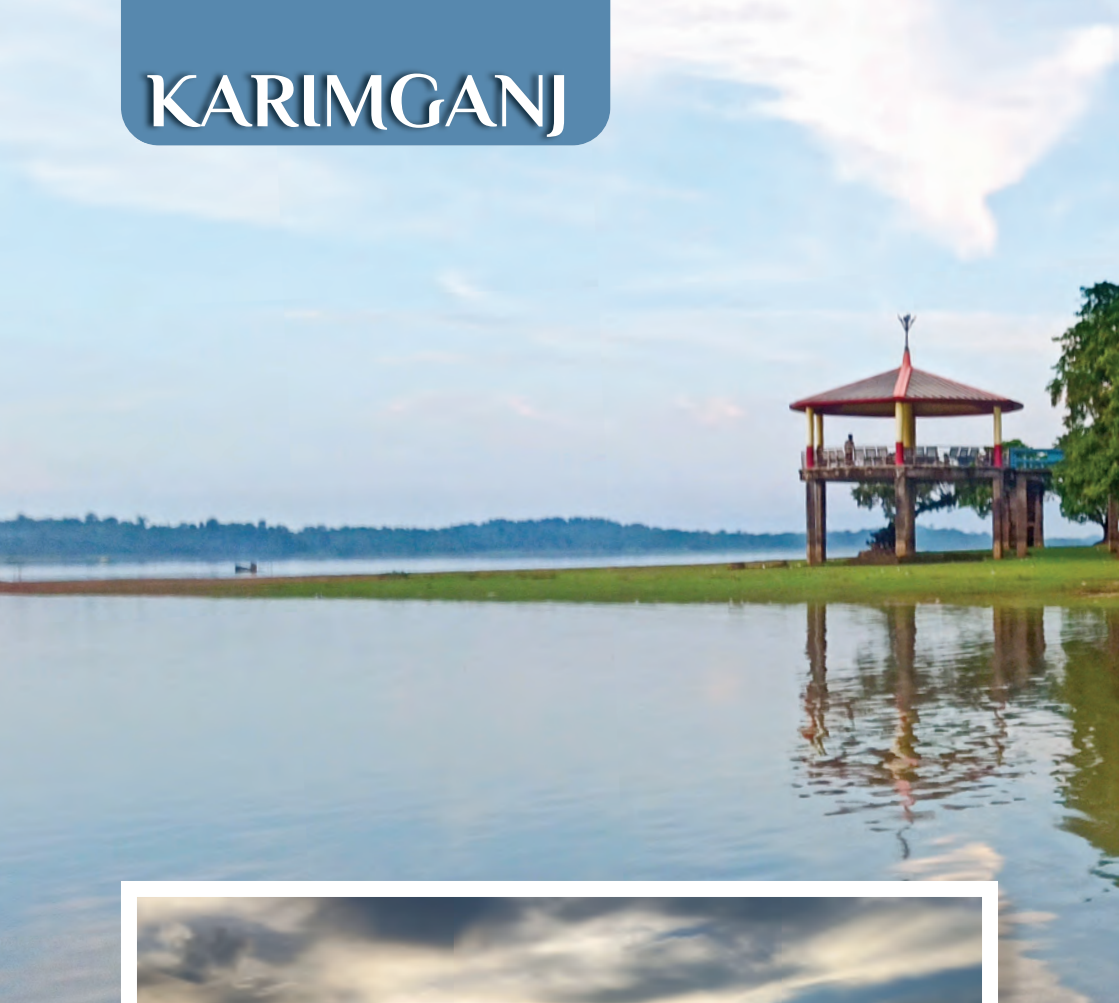
Kumbhirgram (Silchar) 92.9kms

Karimganj Railway Station 15kms

**Nirmendu Kemprai (9678744347)**

**Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)**

# KARIMGANJ



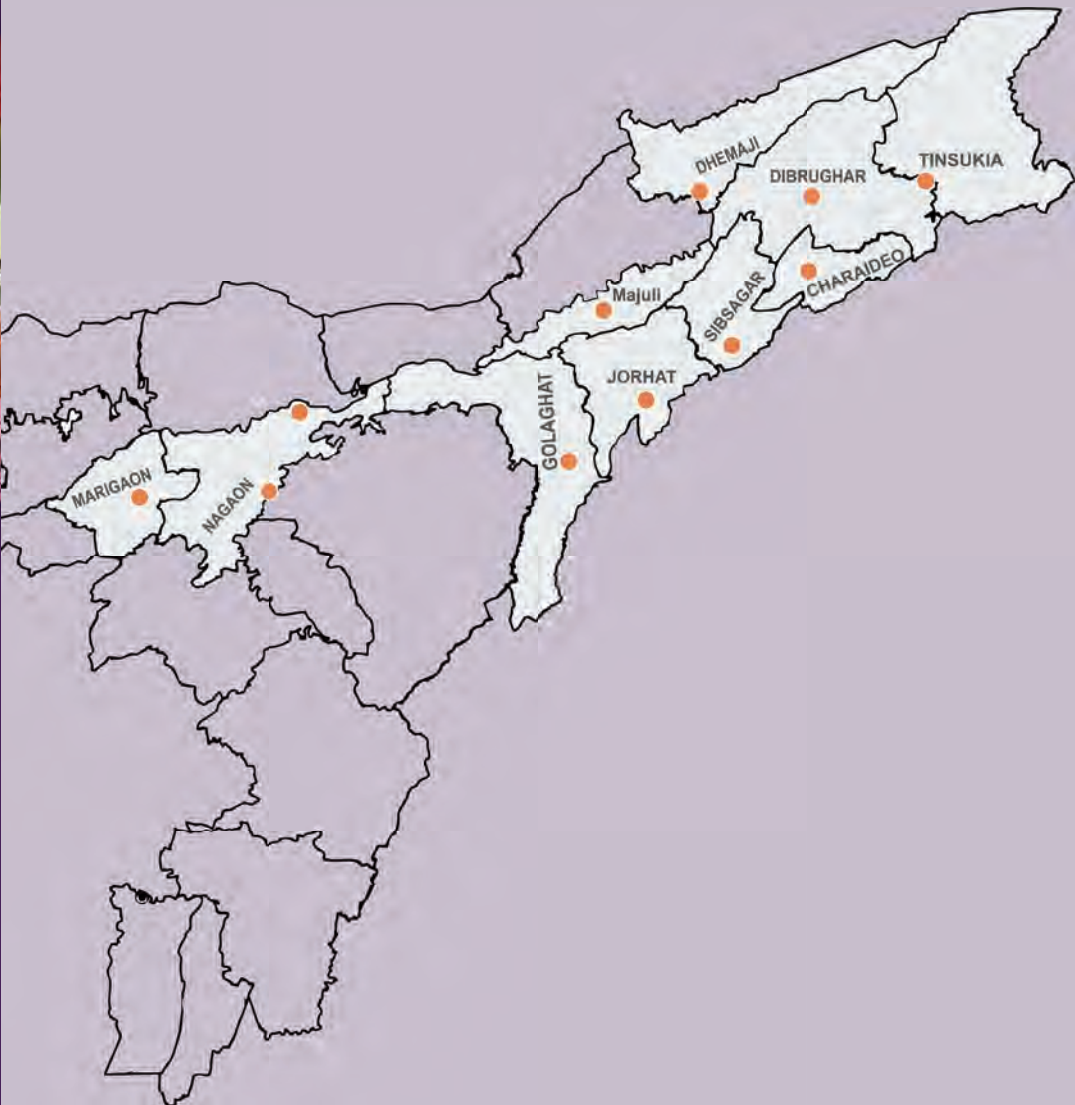


# Son Beel

**T**he largest wetland in the state, Son Beel attracts a host of migratory birds from Siberia in winter. With boats ferrying across the wetland and numerous families engaged in the fishing industry, it is the lifeline of the villages around. Not only an economical hotspot, the area near Son Beel is also an ecological treasure trove with 40 per cent of it covered in evergreen forest. Be it the blue hills on the horizon, the green forest nearby or the buzzing local market on the banks, Son Beel is the perfect subject for photography enthusiasts.

Best Time to Visit:	April to October
Nearest Airport:	Kumbhirgram (Silchar) 94kms
Nearest Railway Station:	Karimganj Railway Station (25kms)
Contact official:	<b>Nirmendu Kemprai (9678744347)</b> <b>Manas Pratim Thakur (9854092192)</b>





# MORIGAON



# Charan beel

**C**haran Beel is a lake-like wetland that has static water and is ideal for sports like kayaking and canoeing. During the winter season, various species of birds visit this place in search of food and warm climate. Thus making Charanbeel into an important birding destination. The lake is an excellent place for water sports where number of sporting events like kayaking, boat racing are organized.

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the year
Nearest Airport:	LGBI (Guwahati) 87km
Nearest Railway Station:	Jagiroad 15km
Contact official:	Mantu Kumar Sarma (8638158038)



# MORIGAON





# Deosal

**D**eosal is a tourist spot well known for the ancient Shiva temple. Situated in the Morigaon district of Assam, the temple is also famous for its architectural beauty and history. According to local narratives, the site has a reference to the age of the Ramayana; the place is believed to be the Ashram of the great sage Valmiki and where Sita supposedly gave birth to her twins Lava and Kusha. The Deosal temple is famous for the Shivaratri celebrations, which is attended by a large number of devotees.

Best Time to Visit:

Throughout the year

Nearest Airport:

LGBI (Guwahati) 78km

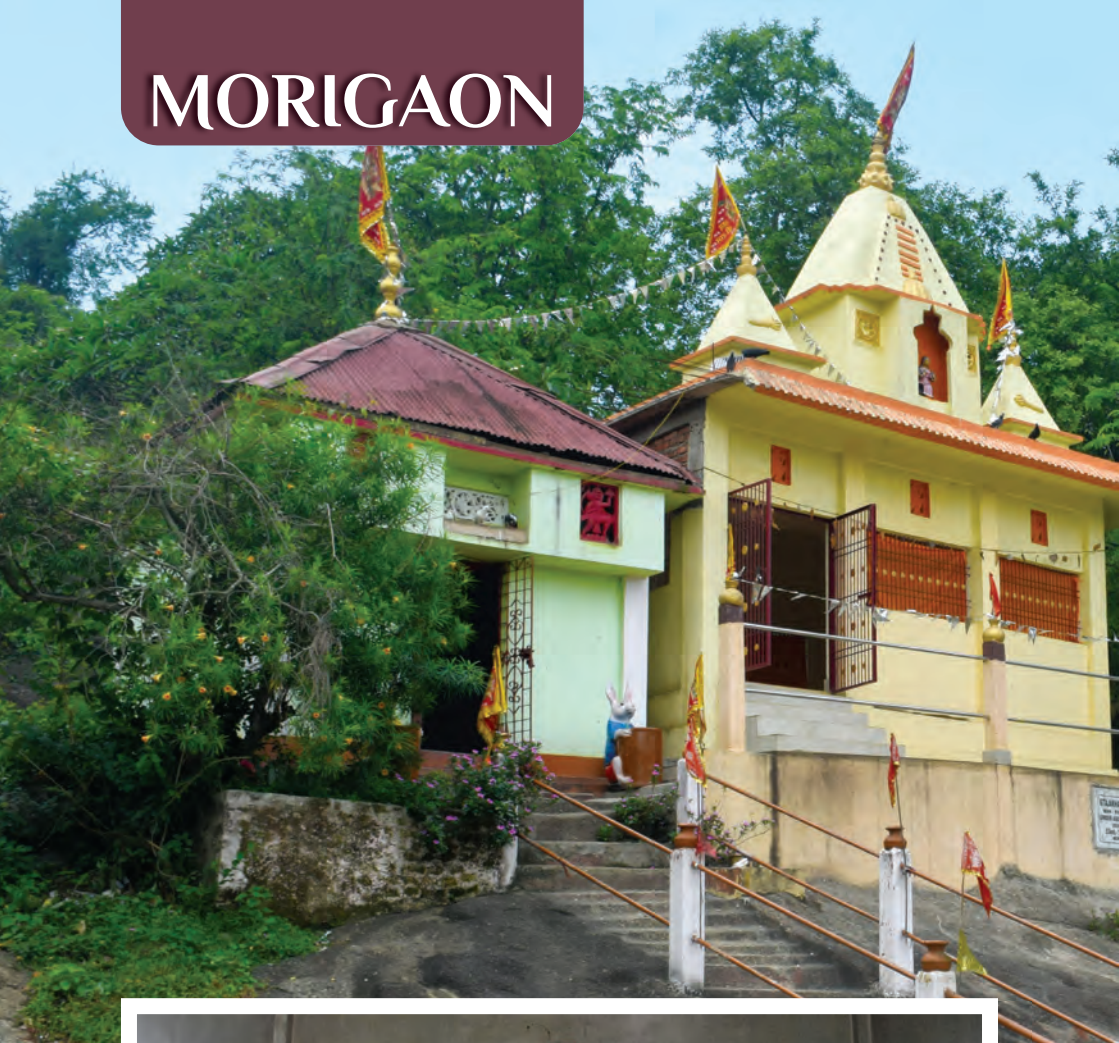
Nearest Railway Station:

Jagiroad 5km

Contact official:

Mantu Kumar Sarma (8638158038)

# MORIGAON





# Sitajakhala

**S**itajakhala is a famous ancient temple that was discovered during the fourth decade of last century. Nestled on the banks of River Killing, the temple is adorned with many idols of Goddess Sita and Lord Hanuman. As per the popular myth, the great sage Valmiki for the convenience of Devi Sita, built the steps of stones to River Killing, henceforth the steps were popularly named as Sitajakhala.

Best Time to Visit:

Throughout the year

Nearest Airport:

LGBI (Guwahati) 80km

Nearest Railway Station:

Jagiraoad 8km

Contact official:

Mantu Kumar Sarma (8638158038)

# NAGAON



# Batadrava Than

The Batadrava Than also Known as Bordowa Than, is the birthplace of Mahapurush Srimanta Sankaradeva (1449-1568) the great Vaishnavite Saint of Assam, The Than holds great reverence for Vaishnav followers of Assam. Srimanta Sankaradeva founded the first “Kirtan Ghar” at Bordowa to practice and preach neo-Vaishnavite faith and propagated the “EK SARAN NAAM DHARMA”.

Best Time to Visit: Throughout the year  
Nearest Airport: LGBI (Guwahati) 165km  
Nearest Railway Station: Haibargaon 18km  
Contact official: B. Bora (9365077397)



# NAGAON





# Burhachapori Wildlife Sanctuary

**B**urhachapori Wildlife Sanctuary is located on the south bank of the river Brahmaputra. It is a part of the Laokhowa Burhachapori eco-system and comprises of a mosaic of wet alluvial grassland, riparian and semi-evergreen forest dotted by wetland and river systems. This sanctuary covers an area of 44.06 sq. km. and is home to the great Indian one-horned rhinoceros, tiger, leopard, wild buffalo, hog deer, wild pig and elephants.

**Best Time to Visit:**

October to April

**Nearest Airport:**

Salonibari Airport (55km)

**Nearest Railway Station:**

Haibargaon (26km)

**Contact official:**

**B. Bora (9365077397)**

# NAGAON





# Silghat Trishul Dhari

**S**ilghat Trishuldhari temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva. It is situated on the southern bank of the river Brahmaputra. The major attraction of the temple is its two thousand years old history. It is believed that whoever seeks blessing here has his or her wish granted. The stunning panoramic view of the surroundings is another draw for the tourist.

Best Time to Visit:	October to April
Nearest Airport:	Salonibari (Tezpur) 35km
Nearest Railway Station:	Silghat 3km
Contact official:	B. Bora (9365077397)

# NAGAON



# Silghat Kamakhya Temple

At Silghat near Kaliabor, is a Kamakhya temple atop a hillock, originally established by a king of the Salastambha dynasty in the seventh century. Rebuilt during the reign of Ahom king Pramatta Simha (1744-51 AD), the two deities worshipped in this Kamakhya temple are Kamakhya and Durga, both different forms of the Mother Goddess.

Best Time to Visit:

Throughout the year

Nearest Airport:

Salonibari Airport (Tezpur) 35km

Nearest Railway Station:

Silghat Rly station (3km)

Contact official:

B. Bora (9365077397)



# GOLAGHAT





# Deopahar

**D**eopahar is an archaeological site located in Numaligarh. The historical remains of the ancient temple and sculptures that were excavated from the top of the Deopahar hillock, represent the interconnection between the age old Aryan culture and local art. It is a protected archaeological park and has a site-museum.

An English tea planter named Thomas Guardthei was the first to highlight the significance of the broken Shiva temple at Deopahar. The temple has a big ceiling slab engraved with a large lotus bearing a relief of Vidyadhara. The overall creative style and design of the building blocks strongly reflects influences of the later Gupta era.

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the year
Nearest Airport:	Rowrah (Jorhat) 52km
Nearest Railway Station:	Furkating 36km
<b>Contact official:</b>	<b>Bathu Khungur Boro</b> <b>(9435182451)</b> <b>Bashab Bora</b> <b>(9854211317)</b>



# GOLAGHAT





# Kakochang Waterfalls

**K**akochang Falls is a well-known picnic spot of Karbi Anglong district. The falls is situated at a distance of 35 kms from Kaziranga National Park and 13 kms from Bokakhat. This waterfall remains active throughout the year, and is an important tourist destination for the visitors who come to Kaziranga.

**Best Time to Visit:**

**Nearest Airport:**

**Nearest Railway Station:**

**Contact official:**

Throughout the year

Rowriah (Jorhat) 68km

Furkating 55km

**Bathu Khungur Boro**

**(9435182451)**

**Bashab Bora**

**(9854211317)**

# GOLAGHAT



## Nambor - Doigrung Wildlife Sanctuary



**N**ambor - Doigrung Wildlife Sanctuary is located at Morangi in Golaghat district of Assam. About 25 kms from Golaghat town, this wildlife sanctuary covers an area of 97.15 sq. km. The forest type is tropical semi-evergreen with pockets of pure evergreen, interspersed with small forest marshes. The area was declared as a Wildlife Sanctuary in 2003. The sanctuary along with Garampani Wildlife Sanctuary (6 sq. km.) and Nambor Wildlife Sanctuary (37 sq. km.) forms the part of the Kaziranga-Karbi Anglong Elephant Reserve.

Best Time to Visit: October to April  
Nearest Airport: Rowrah (Jorhat) 75km  
Nearest Railway Station: Furkating 29km  
Contact official: **Bathu Khungur Boro (9435182451)**  
**Bashab Bora (9854211317)**

# GOLAGHAT



# Negheriting Shiva Doul

The Negheriting Shiva Doul is located in Dergaon. Perched on a hillock, the temple was first constructed by the Dimasa Kacharis during 8th – 9th Century AD. In 1687 it was re-constructed by Ahom king Swargadeo Rajeswar Simha as the earlier temple was destroyed. Ghanashyam Khonikar, the famous architect of the Ahom times was assigned the task of rebuilding the temple. The main temple is surrounded by four other temples namely Vishnu, Ganesha, Surya and Durga temple.

Best Time to Visit:

Nearest Airport:

Nearest Railway Station:

Contact official:

Throughout the year

Rowriah (Jorhat) 25km

Furkating 36km

**Bathu Khungur Boro**  
(9435182451)

**Bashab Bora**  
(9854211317)



# JORHAT





# Dhekiakhowa Bornamghar

This naamghar is located in the small village of Dhekiakhowa, established in 1461 by the Vaishnavaita saint Madhab Deva. The honorific bornamghar (big naamghar) has been bestowed on this temple owing to its large compound and its sacred status. It is said that Madhab Deva came to this sleepy little village on a boat. A very poor family who used to reside here offered him some dhekia xaak (a type of fern) to eat. He loved the dish so much that the Naamghar came to be known as Dhekiakhowa (to have eaten the dhekia). It is believed that the earthen lamp he lit then is still burning, religiously refueled by the priests for centuries now.

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the year
Nearest Airport:	Rowriah (Jorhat) 18km
Nearest Railway Station:	Jorhat 15km
Contact official:	Mehjubin Begum (9101072091)



# JORHAT



# Hollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary

**W**ith an area of just 20.98 sq. km., this sanctuary is probably the smallest in the country.

Hollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary is a short drive from Jorhat. Designated a sanctuary in 1997, it is home to India's only ape, the Western Hoolock Gibbon. This is also the first protected area ever named after a species of primate. In India, this endangered primate can only be found at this reserve.

Besides the Hoolock Gibbon, Hollongapar is also home to a host of other mammals. The capped langur, stump-tailed macaque, pig tailed macaque and the slow loris all make their home here, making it something of a primate hotspot. Over 200 bird species have also been spotted at this sanctuary, most commonly the green pigeon, drongo, barbet, owl and woodpecker.

**Best Time to Visit:**

October to April.

**Nearest Airport:**

Rowriah (Jorhat) 30km

**Nearest Railway Station:**

Mariani 5km

**Contact official:**

**Mehjubin Begum (9101072091)**





# Tocklai Tea Research Institute

**T**ocklai Tea Research Institute is the largest and the oldest tea research centre in the world. It has been conducting research on tea cultivation since its establishment in 1911.

Best Time to Visit:

Throughout the year

Nearest Airport:

Rowrah (Jorhat) 8 km

Nearest Railway Station:

Jorhat 5 km

Contact official:

Mehjubin Begum (9101072091)



MAJULI





# Bhakatiduar

**B**hakatiduar is one of the cleanest villages in the river island Majuli. Set amidst exotic greenery this place is a nature lover's paradise.

Best Time to Visit: September to April  
Nearest Airport: Rowrah (Jorhat) 48km  
Nearest Railway Station: North Lakhimpur 27km  
Contact official: Nayanmoni Pamegam (8486770913)



# DHEMAJI



# Bordoibam Bird Sanctuary

**L**ocated at a distance of about 46 kms towards the southwest from Dhemaji, Bordoibam Bilmukh Bird Sanctuary is in the midst of two districts – Dhemaji and Lakhimpur. Covering an area of around 11.25 sq. km., this bird sanctuary is a favorite breeding ground for many bird species, most notably the Whistling Teal. The Government of Assam, in 1996, officially declared this region a wildlife sanctuary.

Best Time to Visit:	November to March
Nearest Airport:	Mohanbari (Dibrugarh) 90km
Nearest Railway Station:	Gogamukh 22km
Contact official:	Nayanmoni Pamegam (8486770913)



# DHEMAJI



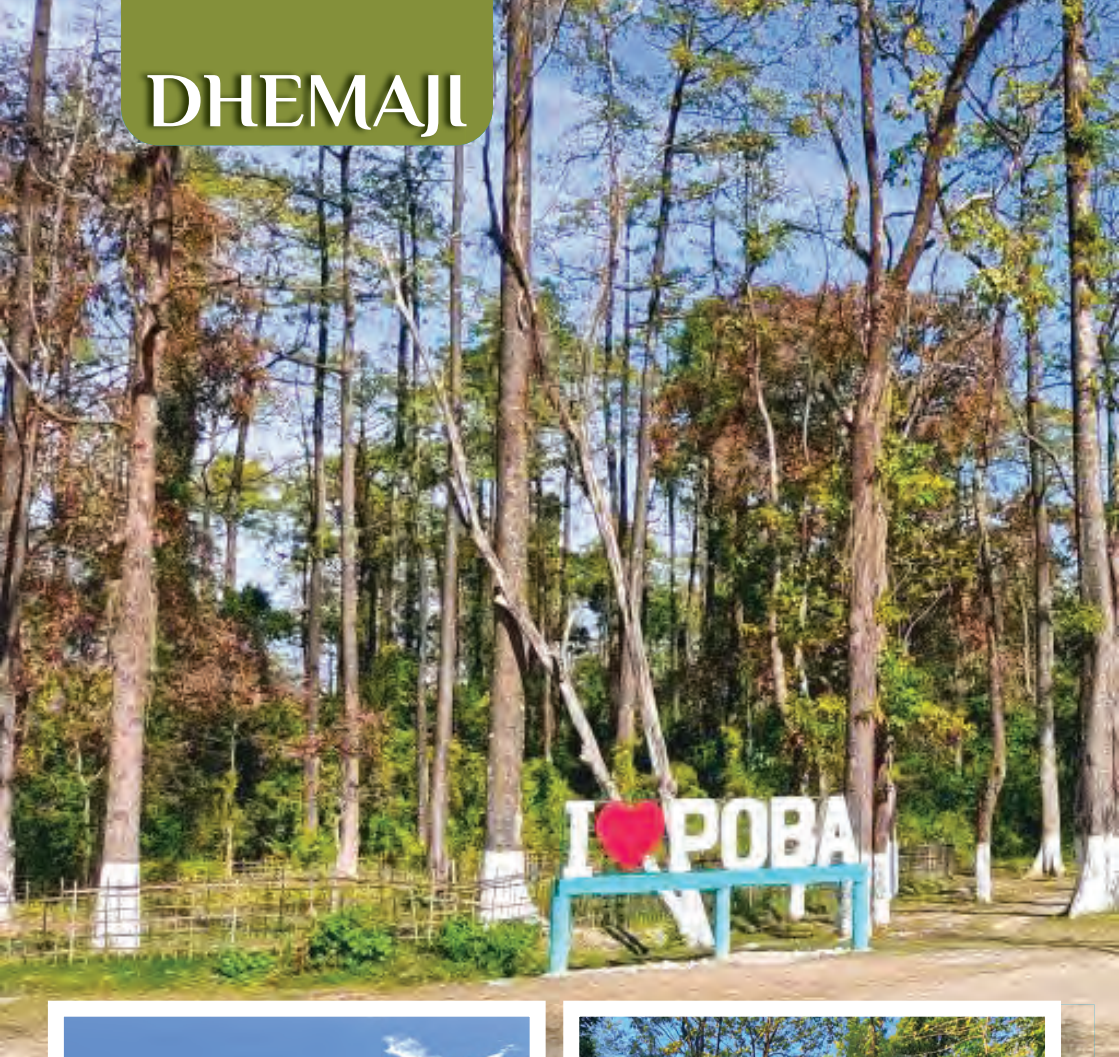
# Gerukamukh Picnic Spot

**L**ocated at a distance of around 45 kms from Dhemaji, Gerukamukh is one of the most beautiful natural spots of Assam. Surrounded by rolling hills and dense evergreen forests and with Subansiri flowing across it, Gerukamukh, has become one of the most sought after destinations for nature lovers. The region is a popular choice for picnics by local inhabitants during the winter months. Another favourite activity here is angling, which is done by both tourists and locals alike.

Best Time to Visit:	November to March
Nearest Airport:	Lilabari (Lakhimpur) 43km
Nearest Railway Station:	Gogamukh 16km
Contact official:	Nayanmoni Pamegam (8486770913)



# DHEMAJI





# Poba Reserve Forest

**P**oba Reserve Forest was created in the year 1924 covering an area of 10,221 hectares. This is one of the richest rainforests of Northeast India in terms of the flora and fauna. It is also a biodiversity hotspot. Towards the north of the Reserve Forest are the foothills of the Himalayan range in Arunachal Pradesh, while towards east and south are the confluence of rivers Siang, Dibang and Lohit shaping the mighty Brahmaputra, and the Dibru-Saikhowa National Park.

**Best Time to Visit:**

November to April

**Nearest Airport:**

Lilabari (Lakhimpur) 164

**Nearest Railway Station:**

Murkongselek 9km

**Contact official:**

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# SIVASAGAR



# Ajan Pir Dargah

This shrine is dedicated to Sufi saint Ajan Fakir, who is believed to be the first person to have composed zikir, a genre of Sufi hymns in Assamese. Originally from Baghdad, he made Sivasagar his home. As his popularity grew so did the number of his enemies. One of them even complained to the Ahom king about him. The king issued an order to have the saint's eyes gouged out but before his order could be carried out Ajan Fakir supposedly let his eyes 'drop out' into two earthen pots. The king realised his mistake and granted the saint large tracts of land where the dargah stands. It continues to attract thousands of devotees every year.

Best Time to Visit:

Throughout the year

Nearest Airport:

Rowriah (Jorhat) 75km

Nearest Railway Station:

Sivasagar 25km

Contact official:

Madhab Das (8133089993)



# SIVASAGAR





# Pohugarh

Established by the Ahom king Rudra Simha, Pohugarh is Asia's first natural zoo encompassing an area of 350 bighas. Just like an octagonal shape of Ahom coins, it also has eight earthen fortresses each separated by a deep moat. Both at the entrance and exit points there are grand sal wood door panels. In every fortress, animals were kept separately while in the moats, aquatic animals including crocodiles were conserved. At present the place is home to lakhs of migratory birds and different species of fishes.

Best Time to Visit:

Nearest Airport:

Nearest Railway Station:

Contact official:

Throughout the year

Rowriah (Jorhat) 60km

Sivasagar 8km

Madhab Das (8133089993)



# SIVASAGAR





# Tai Museum

Situated towards the west bank of the historic Sivasagar tank, the Tai Museum houses exhibits relating to Ahom history, art and culture. Some of the collections displayed here include utensils made of copper, ivory, silver, bell metal, weapons and allied military equipments like cannons, swords, rhino skin shield, gun powder ball and also wood, metal, terracotta works, old Assamese ornaments, silver coins, manuscripts and traditional dresses. Moreover, replicas of historic Saraighat war, the Royal Court (Rajsabha), Charaideo Maidam are also on display. The museum was inaugurated in the year 1992 .

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the year
Nearest Airport:	Rowrah (Jorhat) 63km
Nearest Railway Station:	Sivasagar 1km
Contact official:	Madhab Das (8133089993)



# SIVASAGAR



# Ghanashyam's House

It is a beautiful structure built by Ahom king Rudra Simha (CE 1696-1714). It is named after the architect 'Ghanashyam' who built the masonry buildings, temples and other structures at Joysagar locality. The monument is made of brick on a rectangular plan resembling a gate house. Islamic architectural influence can be seen on the arches of the door openings. External walls are richly decorated with terracotta works comprising of trellis, creepers, flowers, gods, goddesses and mythological scenes of epics.

Best Time to Visit: Throughout the year  
Nearest Airport: Rowriah (Jorhat) 59km  
Nearest Railway Station: Sivasagar (6km)  
Contact official: Madhab Das (8133089993)



# CHARAIDEO



# Bhojo Warfare Site

**T**his site was used as a training centre for guerilla warfare by the Ahoms in the medieval period. Spread across 129 bighas of land the site comprises of numerous man-made earthen mounds. The height of the mounds varies from 1.10 metres to 1.20 metres.

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the year
Nearest Airport:	Mohanbari (Dibrugarh) 67km
Nearest Railway Station:	Bhojo 4.8km
Contact official:	Madhab Das (8133089993)





## Desang Pani Khamyang Buddhist Monastery



**D**esang Pani Khamyang Buddhist Monastery is located in Desangpani village in Charaideo district about 60 kms from Sivasagar town. The village is inhabited by the Shyam or Tai Khamyang people.

Construction of the permanent Desangpani Buddhist temple was started in 1936 and completed in 1946. In the year 1950, the burial ashes of the main disciple of Lord Buddha, Sari Putta Maha Mangalion was brought to Desangpani .

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the year
Nearest Airport:	Mohanbari (Dibrugarh) 66km
Nearest Railway Station:	Simaluguri 20km
Contact official:	Madhab Das (8133089993)

# CHARAIDEO





# Maidams

**C**haraideo was the original capital of the Ahom Kings built by Chaolung Sukapha, the founder of the dynasty in about 1229 CE. This place is at a distance 30 km from Sivsagar town.

Though the capital of the Ahoms moved many times, Charaideo remained the symbolic center. It contains sacred burial grounds of Ahom kings and queens and is also the place of ancestral Gods of the Ahoms. The 42 tombs (Maidams) at Charaideo hillocks are comparable to the Pyramids of Egypt.

Architecturally a Maidam comprises of a massive underground vault with one or more chambers having domical superstructure and covered by a heap of earthen mound and externally it appears a hemispherical mound. At the top of the mound lies a small open pavilion.

Charaideo is a Tai-Ahom word which means “a prominent city on the hill top”.

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the year
Nearest Airport:	Mohanbari (Dibrugarh) 92km
Nearest Railway Station:	Simaluguri 13km
Contact official:	Madhab Das (8133089993)



# DIBRUGARH





# Jokai Reserve Forest

**J**okai Reserve Forest is located at a distance of 10 km from Dibrugarh town. It covers an area of approximately 800 hectares. The Jokai Botanical Garden, Sahitya Manishi Upaban, Apurugiya Brikhya Rupan and Mahabir Forest camp falls within the area of the Reserve Forest.

Numerous low altitude tropical species of fauna are present here in good numbers which includes Small Niltava, Little Pied Flycatcher, Black-winged and Large Cuckoo-shrikes, flock of Pompadour Green Pigeons, Jay-walking Emerald Dove, Red headed Trogon, Crimson Sunbird, Ruby Checked Sunbird, Scarlet Backed Flowerpecker, Black breasted Thrush - During spring, rare cuckoos (like the Asian emerald cuckoo) and flycatchers.

Best Time to Visit:  
Nearest Airport:

Nearest Railway Station:  
Contact official:

October to March  
Mohanbari  
(Dibrugarh) 18km  
(Dibrugarh) 10km  
Madhab Das  
(8133089993)

# DIBRUGARH





# Raidongia Dol

**R**aidongia Dol is a brick Vishnu temple constructed during the reign of Ahom king Swargadeo Pramatta Simha (1744-1751 CE). It believed that the Dol, along with the adjoining pond, and 200 pura were given as dowry by Pramatta Simha for his sister's marriage to Raidongia Barua. The Dol along with pond provides for an idyllic setting for tourists to unwind and enjoy the bounties of nature.

**Best Time to Visit:**

**Nearest Airport:**

**Nearest Railway Station:**

**Contact official:**

Throughout the year

Mohanbari (Dibrugarh) 35km

Khowang (20km)

**Madhab Das (8133089993)**

TINSUKIA





# Barekuri Village

**B**arekuri village is located at a distance of 19 km from Tinsukia town. Barekuri which means ‘twelve times twenty’ is a cluster of small villages clumped together to form a big one. A notable aspect of this village is that since 100 years, Hoolock Gibbon, (a type of small ape endemic to South-East Asia) have co-existed peacefully with humans.

Best Time to Visit:

Nearest Airport:

Nearest Railway Station:

Contact official:

Throughout the year

Mohanbari (Dibrugarh) 45km

Makum (5km)

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# TINSUKIA



# Dehing Patkai National Park

Referred to as the 'Amazon of the East', the Dehing Patkai National Park is located around 38 kms from Digboi. Deriving its name from the Dehing river and the Patkai mountain range, this rainforest stretches till the state of Arunachal Pradesh, along with its territory in Assam. The rainforest also stretches to the districts of Tinsukia, Sivasagar and Dibrugarh.

The rainforest sees heavy rainfall, largely an unexplored terrain, which is perhaps one of the major reasons of its rich biodiversity. The sanctuary is a habitat to around 30 species of butterflies and also boasts a large number of reptiles. This territory is also home to elephant, tiger, panther, leopard, Himalayan black bear, clouded leopard, sun bear, binturong, Chinese pangolin, leopard cat, crab-eating mongoose, golden cat, hoolock gibbon and other primate species.

Best Time to Visit:

October to March

Nearest Airport:

Dibrugarh (94km)

Nearest Railway Station:

Naharkatia (43km)

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# TINSUKIA



# Bisa Gaon

**B**isa gaon is one of the oldest traditional Singpho village of India inhabited by the cheif of Singpho tribe.

The village is located in Ledo under Margherita sub division of Tinsukia district in Assam. It is a beautiful village surrounded by the river Tirap and Dehing on one side and Toklong beels having rich bio-diversity and an unique eco-system on the other side.

Best Time to Visit:

Throughout the year

Nearest Airport:

Dibrugarh Airport (105km)

Nearest Railway Station:

Ledo train station (10km)

**Contact official:**

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# TINSUKIA





# Coal Museum

**S**ituated in Margherita, is India's only Coal Museum. The Coal Museum contains relics of the likes of the locomotives manufactured by W G Bagnall, Stafford, England (John, Hassng, David and Shelly), Memoirs of World War II (rare pictures of construction of Stilwell Road, Pangsau Pass and Ledo airstrip, empty shells of bombs used in WW II), the history of the Assam Railways & Trading Co. Ltd (AR &T Co. Ltd.), a rare collection of stamps over the world, vintage Cyclostyle machines, etc.

**Best Time to Visit:**

**Nearest Airport:**

**Nearest Railway Station:**

**Contact official:**

Throughout the year

Mohanbari Airport (89 km)

Margherita (0.5km)

**Nilim J Boruah**

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# TINSUKIA



# Sadiya

**S**adiya is a picturesque town in Tinsukia district of Assam. It stands on a grassy plain, surrounded by forested Himalayan mountains and the Lohit River on the right bank. It was the capital of the Chutia Kingdom and later became the seat of the Sadiya-khowa-Gohain of the Ahom kingdom.[1] Extensive remains of buildings and fortifications built during the rule of the Chutias near Sadiya still point to the importance of the region in the past.. There are many ancient temples lying around Sadiya which are of historical and archaeological importance like the Tamreswari Temple, Bura Buri Than, Bhismaknagar Fort, Tezu fort etc.

Best Time to Visit:	Throughout the year
Nearest Airport:	Dibrugarh (46km)
Nearest Railway Station:	Makum (45km)
Contact official:	<b>Nilim J Boruah (9854858353)</b> <b>Nayanmoni Pamegam (8486770913)</b>





# Rice Beer

## Celebration of a Culture, of a Heritage!

Rice predominate the Assamese cuisine and is considered the hallmark of fortune. Assam takes pride in retaining over 200 varieties of rice which is the staple food of the land. Our Tribes use rice to its optimum when it comes to it's consumption. If we talk about our cuisine and we don't talk about our rice beer, it would be a story half told. Our tribes in Assam use rice to prepare various types of rice beers and these ethnic wines are a story that needs our focus. Each of these ethnic beers are diverse, when it comes to their local names, flavours, textures, tastes and the aromas. For the tribes, the rice beers are of higher esteem and a mark of highest respect.

The rice beers of the each tribes and sub tribes are unique, delicate and subtle. Be it any form of their get together, weddings, deaths, offering to their respective deities, community feasting or showcasing their traditions; these delicately prepared beers are a part of the ritual and also their cuisine and are consumed with fervour.

Each tribe has its own style of preparation and particular names for their ethnic rice beer.





The Karbi tribe calls their rice beer HARLANG, the Bodo and Tiwa tribe calls it JOU, Mising Tribes prepare NAGIN APONG and PO:RO APONG and the Rabhas makes their unique beer and call it MATHA MOD and ROSHI MOD. The Ahoms are known for their LUK-LAU, the Sonowal-Kacharis takes pride in their ROCHI MOD, the Dimasa's wine is known as JUDIMA, the Deuri tribe has its SUJE and the Hajang consume JATHA KASA and RUHI, while the Garo tribe prepares CHU.

The rice beers are traditionally made and very delicately handled by the expert hands, carefully treating the rice, handpicking the herbs from the forests, making an offering to their respective gods and then finally filtering the beer. The process itself is very delicate and hence, regarded as pious and pure. Once prepared, it is offered to the gods in their prayers, sacred rituals etc. The making of the beer to its consumption is a journey that needs to be experienced and hence Tourism around beer is the need of the hour.



## January

Chandubi Festival,  
Magh Bihu, Jonbeel Mela,  
Me-Dam-Me-Phi



## February

Ali Aye Ligang,  
Shawpawng Yawng Manau poi



## March

Doul Utsav, Barpeta

## April

Bohag Bihu, Baishagu, May Poy  
Sang Ken

# Calendar of Events Festivals of Assam



**May**  
Phatobihi



**June**  
Ambubachi Mela



**August**  
**September**  
Karam Puja



**October**  
Kati Bihu



**November**  
Raas Lila



**December**  
Dwijing Festival,  
Judima Festival

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