

Book on Dima Hasao released



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A book throwing light on [Dima Hasao](#), its people, society, insurgency and developmental efforts was [launched](#) in the [city](#) on Saturday. Authored by veteran journalist Wasbir Hussain, the book titled [Power Play](#) in Assam Hills: Aspirations, [Development](#) & Politics in [Dima Hasao](#) was released by Dr Mridul [Hazarika](#), Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University. Aruradha Sarma Pujari, [author](#) and editor Sadin, Debojeet Thaosen and Former Chief Executive Member of NC Hills Autonomous District Council were present [as](#) guests of honour. The event was presided [over](#) by Prasanta Rajguru, Editor, Amar [Asom](#).

Releasing the book, Dr Mridul [Hazarika](#), Vice Chancellor, Gauhati University, said that the book is a micro [level](#) study of [Dima Hasao](#), a beautiful region inflicted by insurgency violence. “Loaded with facts and findings, [Power Play](#) in Assam Hills will help university students, apart from others, for further research in this mostly unexplored area of [Dima Hasao](#),” he said.

Published by Guwahati-based publishing house Wordweaves [India](#), the book is a short compendium on the history of the southern Assam district and its people, touching on the reign of the Dimasa kings, the British annexation of the area, the scene just prior to [India](#)’s Independence and the situation after 1947.

Starting with North Cachar Hills getting its first District Council in 1952, the book covers Council politics till mid-[2016](#). Along the way, the book touches upon the autonomy movement, the political instability, the rise of insurgency, the peace process, leading to the signing of the peace agreement with the rebel Dima Halam Daogah (DHD) groups and attempts by the Council in bringing about a turnaround.

Commenting on the book, Hussain, who has authored or edited around two dozen books so far, said, “The variety of people with rich culture

who live in [Dima Hasao](#) makes the place an ethnic mosaic. But, what saddens me is the continuing underdevelopment and political instability in the District Council. The need of the hour for [Dima Hasao](#) is development and peace and everybody must work towards that.”

Anuradha Sarma Pujari, Prasanta Rajguru and Debojeet Thaosen also shared their views during the launch.

Syed Miraz Ahmed

Writes, edits and researches. In 2013 he was conferred the Rotary International District 3240 Young Achiever Award for his work in the area of environment and digital journalism. In 2006 he was awarded first in the category of Wildlife Photography by the Department of Environment & Forests and Tourism, Government of Assam.

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