

Consultation on Dima Hasao tourism held



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[Travel](#) and Tourism industry representatives Monday came up with wide ranging suggestions to boost tourism in Assam's [Dima Hasao](#) district. The discussions were a part of an initiative by the Department of Tourism, North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council, to come up with a Tourism Vision document for the district. Centre for [Development](#) and Peace Studies (CDPS) organized the consultative meeting on behalf of the Council.

More than 30 representatives, that included hoteliers, tour operators, adventure tourism professionals, and academics from hotel management institutes, attended the meeting. Director of Assam Tourism, Palash Barooah, and officials of [India](#) Tourism, also attended the meeting.

Addressing the gathering, Kulendra Daulagupu, Executive Member, Tourism, North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council, spoke about the problems and prospects in developing tourism in [Dima Hasao](#). He said that picturesque [Dima Hasao](#) has three of Assam's highest peaks, abundant flora and fauna, diverse ethnic groups, waterfalls [as](#) well [as](#) megalithic remains of the past. He urged entrepreneurs to invest in the tourism sector in [Dima Hasao](#) that can act [as](#) the engine of growth in the otherwise under developed district.

Some of the suggestions from the participants included organizing biking tours to the district, organizing calendar events so that tourists can plan their itinerary in advance and [training](#) local people in areas like hospitality (home-stays), adventure tourism and [as](#) tour guides. The participants also stretched on the need for sensitization of police to make them tourist-friendly.

CDPS will hold a similar consultative meeting at [Haflong](#) month next to be attended by local stakeholders, the Council and district authorities.

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