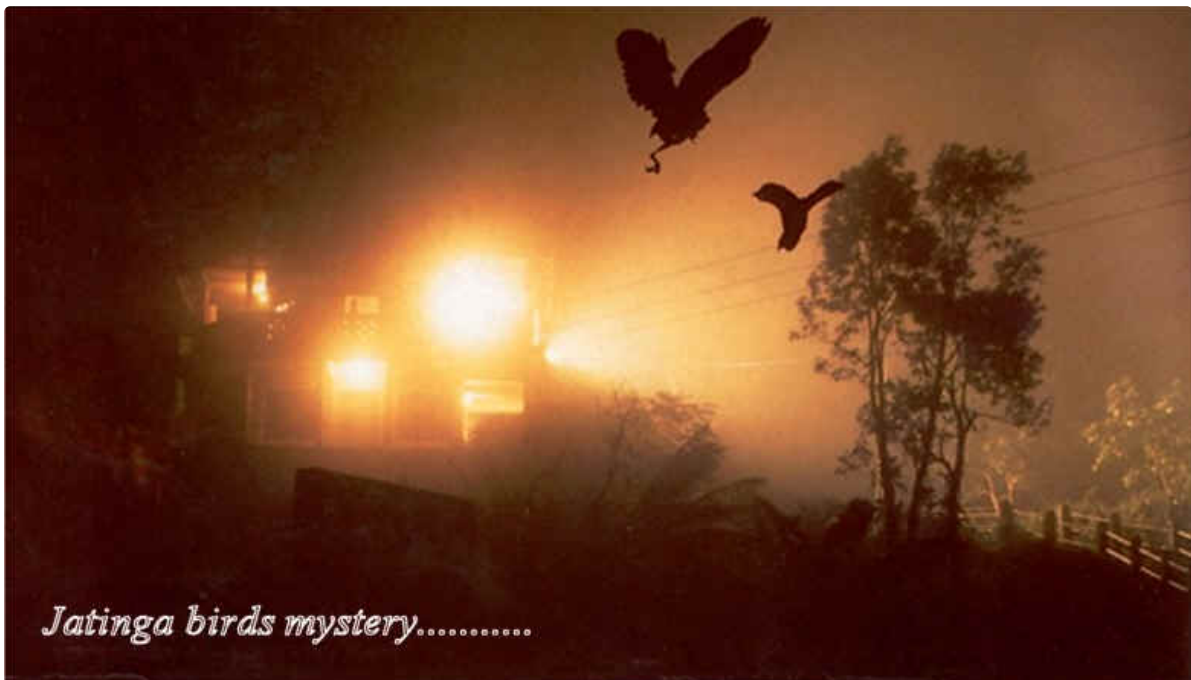


Jatinga Festival from October 27



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Come foggy, windy and a moonless dark night during the months of August, September, October and November – Thousands of birds, both migratory and local types – like King-Fisher, Tiger Bittern, Little Egret etc., are attracted and disoriented by artificial lights , make sudden dash to the ground and die...

This unique place is Jatinga, a village on a ridge facing the Borail Hills range in the Dima Hasao District of Assam. It is 9 KM away from Haflong, the district headquarters and 330 KM from Guwahati. Land of enchanting beauty of nature and fascinating mosaic of ethnic diversity, the Dima Hasao District has gone through very tough and harrowing times due to two decades long insurgent movement and ethnic turmoil. Now peace and tranquility seems to have returned. However, the common people are still confused, clueless, depressed and directionless about the future, in spite of the fact that this district offers tremendous opportunities and potentials in many fields, more particularly in tourism sector. With a view to addressing this peculiar predicament of the people of the Dima Hasao District, an effective strategy is being planned in the form of “Jatinga Festival 2010” scheduled to be held from October 27. It is a festival to showcase rich and diverse ethnic mosaic of the Dima Hasao District with kaleidoscopic representation of art and craft, music and dance, culture and cuisine of the various ethnic groups and to offer an enchanting rendezvous with nature.

A joint collaborative effort by the Dima Hasao Autonomous Council (DHAC) and the Civil Society of the district including the various community Apex Bodies, Mother Associations, Student & Youth Organizations, NGOs, Clubs and Media, the “Jatinga Festival 2010” is organized by the Jatinga Festival Organizing Committee (JFOC). A host of stakeholders right from the local people to the international community are being invited to participate in this festival. So, thousands of people including the dignitaries, government officials, tourists, policy makers, opinion makers, journalists, media managers etc. are expected to participate in this event. Shri Janaki Ballav Patnaikji, His Excellency the Governor of Assam has given his kind consent to grace the event as the Chief Patron.

As one can gauge from the above, huge financial resources are required to hold this mega event successfully. However, the present acute financial crisis of the DHAC compels us to look for resources from other sources. Hence, we solicit generous sponsorship from corporate Sectors and media partnership from media houses so as to make this gala event a memorable and successful one.

With a view to realizing the objectives of “Jatinga Festival 2010” in its true spirit and sense, we the people of Dima Hasao District would like to request all concerned to render their full-hearted cooperation and assistance in making this Festival a grand success.

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