

## October Dimasa Heritage Rally may boost touring bikers



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A land without ruins is a land without memories – a land without memories is a land without history: so wrote Reverend Abram Joseph Ryan, an American [poet](#), popularly known as the [Poet](#) – Priest of the South and also as the [Poet](#)-Laureate of the Confederacy.

Ruins are not alone physical remains of a building or a structure, but embodiment of memories. The past is deeply entrenched in them. Even in a stage of dilapidation, besides the stories of glory and loss, they also weave narratives of a sense of being part of that past which stand right there to be touched and felt.

The historical monuments of the pre-colonial Dimasa [state](#) today lie in a [state](#) of ruins across vast geographical areas in the southern bank of [Brahmaputra](#) to the Surma Valley. [Dimapur](#), the capital of the most prosperous phase of the Dimasa history is in the [state](#) of [Nagaland](#). These structures are under the supervision of the various Government agencies mandated by the Archaeological Protection Acts of Government of [India](#). The ruins, standing erect in defiance against the ravages of time, an embodiment of spirit of the forefathers of Dimasa nation.

Dimasa Heritage [Rally](#) is an attempt to celebrate and pay homage to the spirit of the forefathers by the Dimasa Youth Forum (DYF) and Youth Association for [Development](#) and Empowerment (YADEM) along with other Dimasa social organizations. It shall be a pilgrimage to the holy spaces with humble hope of infusing the spirit of the forefathers in the Dimasa people.

The Heritage [Rally](#) Organising Committee is optimistic that the participants shall assemble, pray, confer, eat, sing and [dance](#) in memory and honour of the ancestors of yore in course of the pilgrimage. The rally will begin from the present to the known past with a hope to recover what is yet to be recovered and known through Khaspur-Harangajao-[Haflong](#)-Maibang-Hojai-Hawraghat-Diphu-Kasomari-[Dimapur](#) between October 26 and 29.

The [Rally](#) in the offing also aims to obtain signatures of Dimasas scattered across the region for submitting a comprehensive memorandum to the Archaeological [Survey](#) of [India](#) for the preservation of the Dimasa Heritage ruins.

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