

Shatajan beel a paradise now



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Flocks of winter visitors, residents and common birds have started swarming into the wetland creating spectacular views that bird enthusiasts should find overwhelming to look at.

Lesser Whistling Teals, indigenously known [as](#) Sorali Haanh, [Purple](#) Swamp Hen (Kaam Sorai), Asian Openbill (Hamuk Bhonga) are some of the resident and local migrants that are currently sharing the wetland. The number will increase in December when other migratory birds will join the existing flocks.

The birds are well protected by the [community](#) living in Ujani Miri village with active support from the forest officer Baliram Gogoi. This mutual cooperation of forest department and the locals has successfully in prohibition of [fishing](#) and hunting in Shatajan Beel.

The people in the region expressed concern [over](#) non-maintenance of the wetland [as](#) Ranganadi swells up to an unpredictable [level](#) during rainy seasons.

They expressed their deep resentment [over](#) NEEPCO, the agency that operates Ranganadi dam [as](#) they have been suffering from sudden flood and other challenges posed threat to their livelihood and local bio diversity.



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