

Upcoming resort threaten threatened bird species



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Prominent environmental NGO of the region Aaranyak expresses its deep concern on some of the resort development activities at the Nimati-Kokilamukh area in Jorhat District, which is deemed unconducive for the presence of several threatened bird species and their habitat.

It is worth mentioning that the area where these resorts are being developed falls within the wetland and grassland habitat of some of the Globally Threatened bird species, such as the Swamp Francolin, Common Pochard, Marsh Babbler, Yellow-breasted Bunting among others. It provides breeding and wintering ground to more than 200 species of birds. The Nimati-Kokilamukh area falls within Janjimukh-Kokilamukh Important Bird Area (IBA), recognized by Birdlife International and Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) as part of a worldwide assessment and home to as many as 26 Globally Threatened species of birds.

It is a major concern that these resorts are permitted to be developed at such crucial bird habitat and also being allowed to operate day and night, with loud music and assemblage of crowd at an unsustainable scale.

Mr. Udayan Borthakur, a wildlife biologist and Executive Committee member of Aaranyak, who he is a resident of Jorhat district appealed to the Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat District, through a letter for immediate review of the situation and stop such activities from further damaging the habitat and causing serious disturbance to the presence of rare and threatened species of birds.

Globally Threatened Species of Birds from Nimati-Kolilamukh Area now at risk due to resort development activities



Swamp Francolin

Scientific Name: *Francolinus gularis*

IUCN Status: **Vulnerable**

Photo by: Udayan Borthakur



Yellow-breasted Bunting

Scientific Name: *Emberiza aureola*

IUCN Status: **Critically Endangered**

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Thiese photographs were taken at the very spot where now the resort shown below is being developed



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