

Exploring the Northeast:

Why these Seven States should be on your travel list

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India's Northeast is often considered one of its most untouched, unexplored treasures. With its lush landscapes, diverse cultures, and rich history, this region offers something truly unique to travellers. From tranquil lakes and towering mountains to vibrant festivals and distinct cuisines, the seven states that make up India's Northeast offer experiences unlike any other part of the country.

ASSAM: THE HEART OF TEA GARDENS AND CULTURE

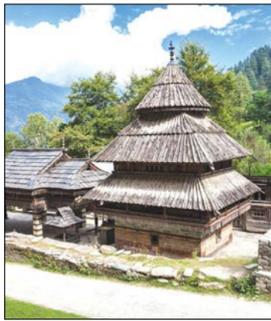
Assam has so much more to offer than just a cup of tea from the sprawling tea estates which are among the best in the world. Assam is home to the majestic Kaziranga National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site famous for its population of one-horned

rhinoceroses. The park offers a thrilling wildlife experience, where visitors can enjoy jeep safaris or even go on elephant-back rides through the grasslands.

The state's Bihu festival, celebrated in April, is a celebration of Assam's agricultural heritage, and it's an excellent way to experience the local culture. With its dances, songs, and vibrant festivities, Bihu brings Assam's rich traditions to life. Whether you're hiking in the Nameri National Park, or cruising along the mighty Brahmaputra River, Assam's blend of nature, culture, and history makes it an essential stop in the Northeast.

MEGHALAYA: THE ABODE OF CLOUDS

Often referred to as the 'Abode of Clouds,' Meghalaya's landscape is as ethereal as its name suggests. This state is often called one of the most picturesque in India. Meghalaya is home to the famous Cherrapunji (Sohra),



once the wettest place on Earth, and the stunning Nohkalikai Falls, one of the highest waterfalls in India. The state's unique living root bridges, especially in Mawlynnong—often dubbed the cleanest village in Asia—are a must-see. These bridges are made from the roots of rubber trees, grown and shaped by the Khasi tribe over generations.

For adventure seekers, Meghalaya's Sohra and Mawlynnong caves offer thrilling exploration opportunities, while its numerous trekking trails provide stunning views of the surrounding forests. If you visit in the winter, don't miss the Meghalaya Winter Festival, which showcases the rich cultural diversity of the state.

NAGALAND: THE LAND OF FESTIVALS AND TRIBES

Nagaland, one of the most culturally distinct states in India, offers a deep dive into the tribal traditions that have shaped its identity. With more than 16 major tribes, each with its own customs, language, and art, Nagaland provides a fascinating

cultural experience. The Hornbill Festival, held every December, is Nagaland's most famous event. It's the perfect opportunity to connect with Nagaland's indigenous cultures and learn about their unique ways of life.

Kohima, the state capital, is an excellent base for exploring the surrounding villages and hills. For those interested in history, the Kohima War Cemetery offers a glimpse into the region's role in World War II.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH: THE LAND OF RISING SUN

Arunachal Pradesh, known as the 'Land of the Rising Sun,' is a paradise for nature lovers, adventure enthusiasts, and culture seekers alike. The state's Tawang Monastery, one of the largest Buddhist monasteries in India, is a must-visit, offering not only spiritual solace but breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains. The state's Sela Pass is another gem, with its snow-covered peaks and glacial lakes offering one of the



most scenic drives in the country.

For trekkers, Arunachal Pradesh offers numerous trekking routes, such as the Mishmi Hills trek and Ziro Valley trek, which bring you face-to-face with some of the region's most remote and picturesque landscapes.

MANIPUR: A HUB OF CULTURE AND NATURE

Manipur, often called the 'Jewel of India,' is a small yet vibrant state. Manipur's capital, Imphal, is home to a variety of temples, palaces, and museums, but it is the state's traditional arts that truly stand out.

Visitors can explore Loktak Lake, the largest freshwater lake in northeastern India, famous for its floating phumdis (vegetation mats). The lake is home to the Keibul Lamjao National Park, the world's only floating national park.

Battle of Imphal during World War II shapes much of Manipur's recent history. The Kangla Fort is a testament to Manipur's regal past, offering a glimpse into its rich heritage.

TRIPURA: THE HIDDEN GEM OF THE NORTHEAST

Known for its historical ruins, beautiful temples, and lush greenery, Tripura is one of the least explored states in the Northeast, making it a hidden gem for adventurous travellers. The Ujjayanta Palace, once the royal residence, is an architectural marvel and now serves as a museum, giving visitors a glimpse into the state's royal past. The Neermahal Palace, located on the banks of Lake Rudrasagar, is another must-see, offering a unique blend of Hindu and Mughal architecture.

For nature lovers, Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary offers a chance to witness wildlife and enjoy boat rides through the scenic wetlands. The state is also known for its festivals, particularly the Kharchi Puja, which honours the local deities and is marked by vibrant processions and celebrations.

The Northeast of India is a region of immense diversity—culturally, historically, and geographically. Whether you're seeking adventure, nature, history, or spiritual experiences, these seven states offer something for everyone.

Dempo BBA students visit Bangalore and Mysore



The students and faculty of the BBA Department at DCT's Srinivasa Sinai Dempo College of Commerce and Economics recently completed a National Education Excursion to Bangalore and Mysore. The excursion featured an

insightful industrial visit to Stovekraft Limited, a leading kitchen appliance manufacturer, where students explored production lines and learned about advanced manufacturing processes.

The students also visited Chanakya University Bangalore Campus where,



Prof Suresh Raju presented on academic programs, while Prof Dr Anilkumar Garag provided guidance on career development. Additionally, assistant professor Gilbert Mendes co-conducted a session on Marketing Environment for BBA LLB students. This

enriching experience bridged academic learning with real-world applications, expanding students' understanding of production management, quality control, and career pathways while fostering valuable professional connections.

Saligao Asociação, Mumbai, celebrates annual fiesta



Sunil D'Crus

The Saligao Association, Mumbai, held their Annual Saligao Fiesta at the Orchid Hall, Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana, Santacruz, Mumbai. Over 100 Saligaokars enjoyed the evening with their families, marked by fun games, music, dancing and Goan delicacies. Prizes were awarded to meritorious students hailing from the picturesque village of Saligao in Goa. Scholarships were also presented to the needy.

A Requiem Mass for the repose of the souls of all the departed members of the Saligao Association during the previous year, was offered at the Cathedral of the Holy Name, Colaba, Mumbai. Mae de Deus church in Saligao is the only church with Gothic architecture in Goa,

celebrated 150 years in 2023.

One of its most prominent sons of Saligao was late Baptist D'Souza, president of the Bombay Hockey Association during its golden era from 1980-98. Under his mentorship, Mumbai staged the successful Men's Hockey World Cup in 1982.

As deputy managing director with Mahindra & Mahindra, he ensured that the auto giant funded the laying of Mumbai's first astro turf pitch at the Mahindra Hockey Stadium (formerly known as the Bombay Hockey Association Stadium), as part of its CSR activities. The reputed company was also known for its hockey team comprising Olympians such as Joaquim Carvalho, Marcellus Gomes, M M Somaya, Dhanraj Pillay, among others.

Tandllanchem Fest – Rice Festival

Pilerne Thursday Heritage Market will organise Tandllanchem Fest – Rice Festival with Goan delicacies made from rice, local rice and rice-based products for sale. The celebration of Goa's beloved rice will include live music by Pauly Fernandes, sale of handmade products, plants, food, and fun and games. Entry is free.

Venue: St John the Baptist Church Courtyard, Pilerne
Date: February 20
Time: 6 pm – 9 pm

Film screening



After competing at the Busan International Film Festival and traveling to other festivals around the world, 'A Fly on the Wall,'

directed by Nilesh Maniyar and Shonali Bose will be screened at the Cinephile Film Club. The film is about the right to live with dignity and follows the final days of their friend Chika Kapadia who has been given four months to live. The filmmakers will be present for the screening followed by a Q&A, moderated by Sachin Chatte.

Venue: Maquinez Palace, Panjim
Date: February 20
Time: 6.30 pm

National Summit on Geospatial Technology

St Joseph Vaz College, Cortalim and Padre Conceição College of Engineering, Verna in collaboration with Goa State Remote Sensing Centre is organising a National Summit on Geospatial Technology. Register on the link for more details: <https://forms.gle/1DP2HenGLs1nf5Tv8>

Venue: Padre Conceição College of Engineering, Verna
Date: February 21 and 22

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ACROSS
1- Like ___ of bricks; 5- Second-year students, for short; 10- Borscht ingredient; 14- Appraise, charge per unit; 15- Preminger et al.; 16- Singer Guthrie; 17- Gator's kin; 18- Melts; 19- Sty look; 20- Performs surgery; 22- Antipasto morsel; 23- Smell; 24- Dr. Zhivago's love; 26- Flip out; 29- Jerry Seinfeld, e.g.; 33- Gather; 34- Aristotle's teacher; 35- Mao ___ -tung; 36- Extremely; 37- Removes wrinkles; 38- Tins; 39- Self; 40- Attire; 41- Sublease; 42- Tongue; 44- Reduces speed; 45- Letterman rival; 46- Gutter locale; 48- Characteristic; 51- Squeeze together; 55- Comedian Fox; 56- Spicy sauce; 58- "Cast Away" setting; 59- Arrow poison; 60- Once more; 61- Small batteries; 62- Transvaal farmer; 63- Medicinal plant; 64- Drinking vessels;

DOWN
1- Sacramento's ___ Arena; 2- Waterproof cover; 3- Plains native; 4- Autopsy; 5- ___ voce (softly); 6- Alternate; 7- School orgs.; 8- ___ do you do?; 9- Puncture sound; 10- Simple song; 11- ___ saw Elba; 12- Hgt.; 13- Ripped; 21- Citrus drinks; 22- Sandwich cookie; 24- Bank offerings; 25- Tsp. and tbsp.; 26- Chairman's hammer; 27- Last Greek letter; 28- Home run king Hank; 29- Shut; 30- Author Calvino;

31- Good ___; 32- Bird homes; 34- Ragu competitor; 37- Teheran's country; 38- Root of Apium graveolens; 40- Tune for two; 41- Invitation letters; 43- Unpowered aircraft; 46- Red fluorescent dye; 47- Appliance brand; 48- Chicago paper, for short; 49- "All The Way To ___" song by REM; 50- Zip ___-Doo-Dah; 51- Scottish social unit; 52- Jacob's brother; 53- Srnack; 54- Cong. meeting; 56- Eur. carrier; 57- Word that can succeed old, ice and bronze;

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SATAN	ALAF	YANS
ERASE	TOMAH	HAWK
RATH	EREL	ETATA
ETAREAL	SEAMAN	
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ENTICF	PIOTA	NIL
WEIGH	RENE	GOGO
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NONSENSE	TAHOE	
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Instructions for Sudoku

9 x 9 letter: To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes

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8	9	1	6	5	2	3	7	4
6	2	3	4	1	7	9	8	5