

Sustainable Development and Well-Being vision to Sacred Sri Surya Pahar of Assam

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ABSTRACT

Religion can save the environment. Though this is a controversial statement in some cases but the proofs are present. Sacred Suriya Pahar of Assam is a sacred hill and it's very interesting due to its multi-religion identities. Due to the sacred belief of local people, the biodiversity of this hill is saving properly and the historical rock-cut art has become an area of interest to the tourists. Now, the sacred identity and the rock-cut art of this hill can be used for the well-being approach of floral and faunal groups to save them. We can promote the concept of Sustainable Development to generate sustainable tourism here. The environmental culture of civilization can be highlighted to save nature and in this way, SD-15 and SDG-3 both may be highlighted.

In recent, the local economy has become an important part to develop the global economy. Only agriculture and industries are not the sources to develop a country, but a concept of Sustainable economy must be ensured for local development. Thus, the local or folk Tourism is important and the local government should be attached to it. There are different types of Tourism developed. Among these the concept of Sustainable Tourism can be developed, Sacred Sri Surya Pahar of Assam is tourism-oriented and it has great historical and religious values. A rich Biodiversity's present in this Sacred Sri Surya Pahar, to some extent folk people can enter within the forest zone of this hill. The special identity of this hill is the historical rock art, which is found here. Local tourists are coming here to see that the most important thing is the symbolic representation of different religious groups which is seen at a different portion of this hill. Buddhism, Jainism, and Hinduism-related rock art worshipping are found here it has a typical structure and a typical cave within the rock is found here which is the base of the tourist attractions.

The sustainable concept can be generated here with help of local community participation to protect this historical land. The Government already has established an archaeological museum house, but apart from that, no such tourism development project has initiated here. Every year a fair is organized here by the local people and that is benefited for the local economy. In respect of sustainable development Goal no. 15 (Life on Land) this sacred hill has rich biodiversity and due to this rich biodiversity zone, the local environment's

health is benefited. A pond is found here, but local people are not allowed to any fishing. As per the historical myth, the depth of this pond is fathomless that's why local community development authorities do not permit any people to enter this pond area.

Tourists coming here to enjoy the natural beauty of this area, but it has been observed that pollution, plastic, and some alcoholic activities have observed by the researcher but, the future of this sacred hill is highly effective. It's a very interesting zone to the tourist because very rare rock-cut art is present here and strong sacred belief to the local people is attached to this place. According to SDG 3 (Good health and well-being), is important in every work. Well-being does not indicate only the well-being of human-being. Rather the well-being of biodiversity is important to us. Sacred Surya Pahar hill supports lots of avian community visa-a-vis flora and fauna community.

A religious conflict is found here, for example, this is an area which is identified by the Hindu religion, if any Muslim community is coming here during the non-crowd season, local people create problems. Recently, the parking zone, drinking water facility, and archaeological survey of India are trying to protect historical idols that were excavated during the time of excavation.

Map 1: Location map Sacred Surya Pahar, Assam.

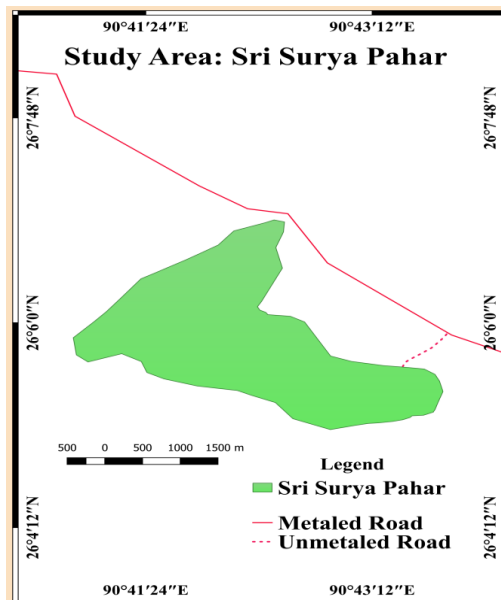
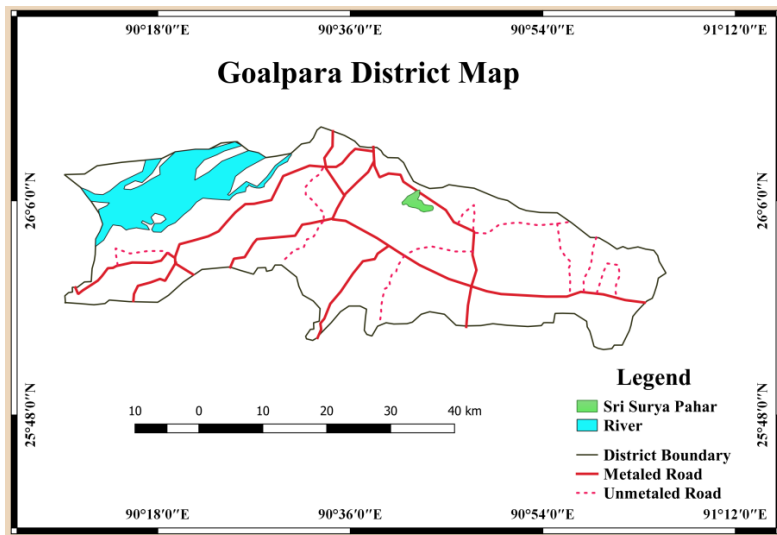
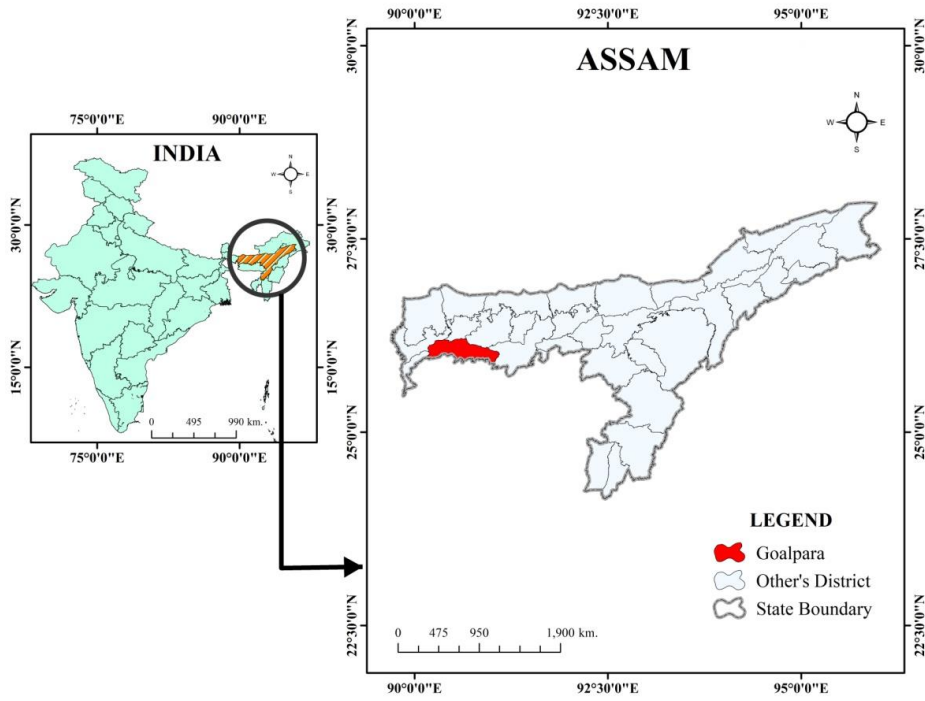




Plate: Sample of Rock-cut art of Sri Surya Pahar.

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