



Dihing Patkai

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- The Assam government has **notified Dihing Patkai as a National Park**. The 'last remaining stretches' of the Assam Valley tropical wet evergreen forests have become **Assam's seventh National Park**.
- Dihing Patkai, encompasses the erstwhile Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary, the Jeypore Reserve Forest and the western block of the Upper Dihing Reserve Forest. The forest village area diverted under Forest Conservation Act has been excluded. Short stretches of the Dirak and Buri Dihing rivers have been included in the park.
- About 234 sq. km **Dihing Patkai straddling eastern Assam's Dibrugarh and Tinsukia districts is a major elephant habitat** and 310 species of butterflies have been recorded there. The park has 47 species each of reptiles and mammals, including the tiger and clouded leopard.
- **Assam now has the third most National Parks** after the 12 in Madhya Pradesh and nine in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Before It Raimona National Park located in Kokrajhar district of western Assam has been declared as the sixth national park of Assam.
- The five older National Parks in the State are Kaziranga, Manas, Nameri, Orang and Dibru-Saikhowa. **Kaziranga and Manas are UNESCO World Heritage Sites** and they are also tiger reserves along with Nameri and Orang.

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