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# Nacho Tourism

unlock vibrant Nacho

**Dear Readers,**

The months of November to April see so many varieties of trees bearing their fruit. From oranges to belams, and everything in between, the pristine landscape of this part of the eastern Himalayan mountains turns into colourful splendour. It's not just fruits, it's also about the birds in the air, and on the trees. Traditionally a good time to sight some of the most beautiful winged creatures. As colourful as they are, we're not leaving out the large Yaks that are a lifeline for villagers here. This month we take you through a variety of sights one can enjoy during the best season of the year. So, start making your plans to #VisitNacho during the upcoming season.

**Shri Tasso Gambo**, DC, Upper Subansiri District & Chairman, Destination Management Committee - Nacho

## NACHO ORANGES AND BELAM FRUITS

Orange cultivation is the one of the primary sources of income in Nacho, providing livelihoods and sustains local communities.

Oranges ripen during the months of November and December, creating a picturesque landscape. This seasonal spectacle offers an aesthetically delightful visual experience that compliments the natural splendour of the hills. Discerning travellers have an opportunity to engage in orchard tours and fruit picking and enjoy freshly picked oranges. Tourism service providers can curate niche programs for visitors to partake in learning of the region's agricultural practices.



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## BELAM FRUITS

Locally known as 'Belam' fruit *Sterculia coccinea* is a wild fruit indigenous to the hills of Nacho. Its Assamese name is Naak sepeta. They ripen during the months of April and May, and are known for its distinctive flavour and nutritional properties. Its limited availability and unique taste make it a much sought-after delicacy among residents. A report published in PlantJournal.com cites a 2019 study that concluded that extracts from the fruit can be used for developing traditional medicines.



## NACHO'S BIRDS

### POKDUR BIRDS



The beautiful Pokdur bird otherwise known as Taiwan Barbet is a multi-coloured bird predominantly in green. A dash of red on the lore, blue ear-coverts and a mustard yellow throat. Bands of blue, red, grey and black beak complete what is known as a cornucopia of colours! Sighting this gorgeous bird in its natural habitat along the hills of the eastern Himalayas is certain to be a sought after experience.

### PVRWK BIRDS

The Khalij Pheasant, known locally as the Pvrwk bird inhabits the forests surrounding Nacho. Male birds display a partially glossy blu-black plumage, but can appear in different hues depending on their subspecies. Females however are normally seen in a brown tinge. Both males and females feature a distinctive bare red face and greyish legs. These birds are charming and are a reward for time spent in nature.



## TAKSING'S YAKS

In the Subansari river valley Taksing village is home to Yaks that flourish in the pristine rural himalayan landscape. Found throughout the region, they play an indispensable role in the daily lives of villagers, serving as a reliable transportation means across difficult terrains and help in supplying essential resources like milk, meat, and wool. Enduring the harsh cold weather patterns of the region and navigating tough terrains,



they show forth their resilience, and highlight the value they bring to the local economy. That apart, the Yaks are also a testimony to the community's cultural and economic fabric. Similarly to the GI-tagged Yak Churpi from West Kameng and Tawang districts, Yak milk is utilized in crafting a variety of food items.

## HANGPAN DADA MEMORIAL TROPHY

The 7th edition of the Hangpan Dada Memorial Trophy tournament under 16 showcased thrilling football and volleyball competitions for boys and girls at both the Constitutional and District levels in Upper Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh. The District Level matches were held in Daporijo, with the final matches taking place at the Mini Outdoor Stadium, Daporijo. The tournament commenced on 31st May 2024, with an opening ceremony graced by Chief Guest Mr. Talo Potom, IAS DC, Daporijo, and Guests of Honour Mr. Thutan Jamba, SP, Daporijo, and Mr. Jemar Jeram Dubi, in charge DSO/DTO, Daporijo. In the football category, Team Daporijo emerged victorious in the boys' division, while Team Sinalita triumphed in the girls' division. In volleyball, Team Dumporijo claimed the boys' title, and Team Sinalita secured another win in the girls' category. Organized by the Department of Sports in collaboration with the district administration, this tournament not only fosters sportsmanship among the youth but also honors the legacy of Hangpan Dada, a revered hero from Arunachal Pradesh.



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