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NEWSLETTER

Dear Readers,

This month we feature the 'Tsari Gompa', a historic Buddhist monastery serving as the heart of Buddhism in Upper Subansiri. We also highlight a uniquely sweet fruit and introduce you to a few species of butterflies and insects.

September is the month of World Tourism Day. We tell you how Nacho and its Destination Management Committee observed the day with the active involvement of students from the region.

Read on.

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

DESTINATION SPOTLIGHT

TSARI GOMPA

Tsari Gompa, located in Taksing village about 98 kilometers from Nacho, is a historically and spiritually significant Buddhist monastery, uniquely maintained by the Indian Army's 16 RAJPUT unit and the local community. As the only monastery in the Upper Subansiri district, it serves as a focal point for religious life and hosts major Buddhist celebrations, including Tsechu (Siju), Losar, and Buddha Purnima. Situated in the last Indian village along the border, the monastery is not only a sacred site but also a cultural landmark. Architecturally, Tsari Gompa is medium-sized, built with durable stone blocks, and topped with a tin-sheet roof. Its modest, traditional design reflects the heritage and values of the region, making it a symbol of resilience and devotion for the local community.



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Svby Lvsin

Svby Lvsin is a wild fruit popular among Nacho locals, known for its unique look, sweet taste, and refreshing aroma. Before ripening, it's also used as a vegetable. Its name, meaning "Mithun Nail," comes from its resemblance to the nails of the Mithun (*Bos frontalis*), a local animal.



Nacho and its Insects

Butterflies

Nacho, untouched by urbanization, is a paradise for butterfly and insect enthusiasts. The valley is home to many unique species of butterflies. They can be seen throughout the year. Some of the popular ones include the Common Batwing (*Atrophaneura varuna*), found also in Southeast Asia, and the Red-based Jezebel (*Delias pasithoe*), native to Southeast Asia.



Stag Beetle

Various species of stag beetles can be found in Nacho, each with uniquely shaped jaws resembling horns, making them fascinating to observe and click pictures of. Children often gather these beetles and engage with them as a matter of entertainment.



Cicadas

Locally known as Goya, different varieties of Cicadas are found in Nacho. The sound produced by Cicadas is often seen as a herald of the summer season, as it only appears during the warmer months.





World Tourism Day was celebrated in Upper Subansiri district, where the Destination Management Committee organized a quiz and essay competition themed "Tourism and Peace." Students from various district schools actively participated in the event. The program was held under the guidance of Shri Tasso Gambo, DC of Upper Subansiri, and led by Shri Jemar Dubi Jeram, DTO, along with Shri Taw Ekke, DIPRO, Upper Subansiri.

