GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER: LAKHIMPUR: NORTH LAKHIMPUR

No. LMJ 16/2020/ 25 Dated: 13 / 11/ 2020

ORDER

In pursuance of the government notification No. TSN.115/2019 dated 29/11/2019 and after perusal of list of picnic spots submitted by Circle Officers of the district, the following spots have been reserved as picnic spot within the district:

Revenue Village Area:

Sl No	Name of the Revenue Circle	Name of the Picnic spot	Revenue Village	List of Activities permitted
1	Kadam	a) Dirgha Picnic spot b) Subansiri Picnic spot c) Soil Picnic spot	a) Dirgha Naharbari Village b) Under Subansiri bridge c) No.2 Bhangabil village	i) Picnic
2	Narayanpur	a) Drupang picnic spot b) Jamuguri ghat c) Silikhagurii ghat	a) Bholabori gaon panchayat b) Jamuguri Gaon panchayat c) Dakhin Narayanpur gaon panchayat.	i) Site viewing ii) Fishing iii) Picnic
3	Nowboicha	a) Ranganadi N.H Bridge Area.	c) Ranganadi gaon panchayat	Picnic
4	Bihpuria	a) Dikrong river bank at No.2 Parbatipur boundary b) Dikrong river bank at Chucha Pathar	a) Parbatipur Revenue village b) Village grazing Reserve	i) Site viewing ii) Fishing iii) Picnic iv) Trekking

Reserve Forest area

Sl No	Name of the Revenue Circle	Name of the Picnic spot	Name of theReserve Forest
1.	North Lakhimpur	Jumi Picnic spot	Kakoi Reserve Forest
2	Bihpuria	Bogoli forest area	Harmuti Forest Range
3.	Nowboicha	Kimin Quarry	Forest area

1) All Circle Officers in collaboration with the concerned Block Development Officers (BDOs) will make necessary arrangements for preparation of " Picnic spot Management Plan"along with Do's and Don'ts for each of the above notified picnic spots as per points 11 & 12 of the government notification No. TSN.115/2019 dated 29/11/2019 which reads as below:

> 10. A detailed report mentioning the overall management plan of the picnic spots namely "PICNIC MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN" within the district and the sub division shall be submitted to the Department of Tourism, Assam annually before **1st of November every year** irrespective of the beginning of the picnic spot.
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> 11. The plan shall contain the latest list of picnic spots designed in the district/ sub-division, the denotified picnic spots with reasons thereby, list of permitted and non- permitted activities for every picnic spots, fees levied for entry, penalty charges, vending zone details and regulations, disaster audit of all picnic spots and upgradation plans done or intended in future, if any.

Hence, all Circle Officers are required to submit the "PICNIC MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN" to the Office of the undersigned at Magistracy Branch for compilation and further forwarding to the Department of Tourism, as sought.

2) The Divisional Forest Officer, Lakhimpur is directed to engage JFMCs or engage departmental staff to manage Tourism within the Reserve Forest areas as per extant act, rules and guidelines issued by the Forest Department to regulate the entry fees and other permitted activities. The DFO (T), Lakhimpur shall also submit a "PICNIC MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN" to the undersigned as per aforementioned Govt. notification for further forwarding to the Department of Tourism, Assam.

(Dr Jeevan B., IAS)
Deputy Commissioner
Lakhimpur

Memo No. . LMJ 16/2020/ 25 - A Dated: 13 / 11/ 2020

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1. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Got. of Assam, Tourism Department, Dispur-6 for favour of kind information and necessary action.
2. The CEO, Zila Parisad, Lakhimpur for information and necessary action.
3. The DFO (T), Lakhimpur for information and necessary action.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Lakhimpur for information and necessary action.
5. The Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Lakhimpur for information.
6. The SDO (Civil), Dhakuakhana for information.
7. All Circle Officers, Lakhimpur for information and necessary action.
8. All BDOs, Lakhimpur for information and necessary action.
9. The DIPRO, Lakhimpur wide publicity of the notification.
10. The DIO, NIC, Lakhimpur. He is requested to upload the notification in the District portal.
11. Office copy

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please convene a meeting of the committee
24/12/19

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
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Dated-Dispur, the 29th Nov, 2019

NOTIFICATION

Sub: All Assam Picnic Guidelines

The landscape of Assam is adorned with a number of picnic spots. Vast stretching river banks, tiny and numerous beautiful water bodies, natural grooves, gardens and lush green grass fields with a bright sunny weather mark the beginning of the picnic season in Assam viz., month of November to April every year. For tourists who find traveling to far off places difficult, one- day picnics to nearby places forms the best option to relax and entertain themselves.

With increase in popularity of picnics, there is a need to regulate the same which has been felt by The Department of Tourism, Assam. Therefore, decentralized and self- sustaining mode of Picnic management regulations by means of the **District Picnic Monitoring and Supervisory Committee (DPMSC)**is hereby proposed:

District Picnic Monitoring and Supervisory Committee (DPMSC):

The DPMSC shall be overall responsible for the execution and proper functioning of the All Assam Picnic guidelines within their individual district jurisdictions, thereby promoting tourism as well as facilitating picnics for the general public while keeping in mind the environmental safety and eco-friendly practice. The Deputy Commissioners of all Districts shall isssue notification with regard to DPMSC with the following members.

The District Picnic Monitoring and Supervisory Committee shall consist of:

1. The Deputy Commissioner – Chairman
2. District Development Commissioner (DDC) Member Secretary
3. Superintendent of Police of the District – Responsible for law and order maintenance and safety in the picnic spots
4. District Forest Officer – Responsible for all environmental issues
5. Joint Director Health – Responsible for all health and public safety related assistance.
6. Concerned Circle Officers – Responsible for land status for the picnic spots
7. Asst. Commissioners of the District- to act as Nodal Officer for overall execution of the Picnic regulations within the district.
8. Finance and Accounts Officer – for the maintenance of the proper accounts of the DPMSC.
9. Deputy Director, Tourist Information Officer/ ATIO – for promotion of the district picnic spots.
10. EE, PWD (B), EE PWD (E) – for any technical assistance related to building and electricity in the picnic spots.

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11. A member from the Urban local body/ Rural Local body.
12. Block Development officers – general developmental activities within the picnic spots.
13. District Project Manager, Disaster Management Authority for audit and safety measures prescription for the picnic spot.
14. One member from the public – public awareness for sustainable tourism and voicing of public demands.

SDO (Civil) and SDPOs of their respective jurisdiction shall execute the same functions as designated by the DPRC for their respective jurisdictions or a sub divisional level committee shall be formed to perform the same.

Duties of the DPMSC:

1. Announcement of the picnic season every year.
2. Identification of picnic spots within the district and reserving the same along with the boundaries. The DPMSC shall keep the following in mind while notifying the picnic spots within the district: *1. Environmental safety, 2. Sustainable tourism 3. Minimum interruption in the residential areas, schools, hospitals and any means of transport 4. Public safety.*
3. Notification of the reserved picnic spots under their jurisdiction at least 15 days prior to the announcement of the beginning of the picnic season and announcement of daily timings for the same.
4. Adequate publicity of the notified picnic spots shall be carried out along with uploading of all the relevant information with regard to picnic and picnic spots in the official website of the district administration and through newspapers with a copy of the information provided to the Department of Tourism, Assam every year.
5. Inspection, monitoring, maintenance and development of picnic spots throughout the year.
6. Annual evaluation of picnic spots and recommendation of new areas to be reserved for picnics or denotifying the same depending on the effect on environment and the surroundings with appropriate information to the Department of Tourism, Assam.
7. Announcement of permitted and non – permitted activities within the picnic spot. Permission of any activity shall be accorded only after proper safety measures have been evaluated.
8. Fixing/ Revising of penalty fees or punishment for violation of any rules and regulations.
9. Notification and regulation of the temporary vending zones formed in and around the picnic spots.
10. A detailed report mentioning the overall management plan of the picnic spots namely "PICNIC MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN" within the district and the sub division shall be submitted to the Department of Tourism, Assam annually **before 1st of November every year** irrespective of the beginning of the picnic season.
11. The plan shall contain the latest list of picnic spots designed in the district/ sub- division, the denotified picnic spots with reasons thereby, list of permitted and non permitted activities for every picnic spot, fees levied for entry, penalty charges, vending zone details and regulations, disaster audit of all the picnic spots and upgradation plans done or intended in future, if any.

12. The DPMSC shall also from time to time check picnic spots that are not notified and being used for recreational purposes and take measures to prohibit the same.

Financial Management of the DPMSC:

A separate bank account shall be maintained for the purpose of DPMSC and the amount collected by all the picnic spots shall be deposited on a daily /weekly basis as desired by the DPMSC. Power of drawal and disbursement of funds shall rest with the Chairman of the DPMSC.

The fund so collected shall be used for the management, maintenance and upgradation of the picnic spots in the area. Some of the activities for the maintenance shall include:

a) Proper fencing in order to maintain the safety of the children and the tourists in the picnic spots.
b) Maintaining proper cleanliness and scientific disposal of the waste products from the picnic area.
c) Maintenance of proper parking and vending zones within the picnic premises.
d) Maintenance of clean toilets in the picnic spots.

While developing the picnic spots, the DPMSC shall keep in mind that the built-up area in any picnic spot shall be kept to its minimum for maintaining the ecological aesthetics of the site.

13. Placing of temporary ticket counters and ticket collectors for the picnic season along with display boards of the notified picnic spots for public information. The Dos and Don'ts of the picnic spot, list of permitted and non-permitted activities shall adequately be displayed for wide publicity among the general public.

14. Fees for picnic areas shall be decided by the DPMSC picnic spot wise and revised as per the necessity from time to time. There shall be no Refund Policy of the collected fees.

15. Placement of proper security guards and other security arrangements for monitoring any unlawful activities within the picnic spot.

16. Designation of temporary vending zones and vendor/vending guideline rules for picnic spots may be framed.

17. Placing of proper waste management system – bio degradable and non – bio degradable/ dust bins as per foot falls in the picnic spots.

18. Separate provision of toilet facilities for men and women within the vicinity of the picnic spots along with proper maintenance and up keep of the same.

19. Designated parking lots shall be arranged in such way that there is smooth flow of traffic to the tourist destinations.

20. DPMSC shall decide whether any Adventure Tourism and sporting activities including swimming, boating etc. shall be held in the picnic site and accordingly they shall ensure availability of safety equipments along with safety personnel.

21. A proper disaster audit of all the picnic spots may be done in convergence with the district disaster management committee. DPMSC shall ensure provision of first aid medical facilities and fire safety equipment for disaster management. Crowd control measures might also be taken adequately.

22. Provision of a secured complaint box in the destination which shall be checked at weekly intervals by the Nodal Officer. Redressal of any grievance will be done at the level of DPMSC.

23. DPMSC shall strive for timely delivery of their duties in advance during the preparatory stage for the picnic season to avoid inconvenience to the public during the actual season.

Do and Don'ts to be issued in interest by District DPMSC:

1. No individual or group shall enter the picnic spot or picnic without proper ticket. The ticket coupons shall be verified by designated authorities anytime during the picnic.
2. No group or individual shall dispose off any non-bio degradable products especially, thermocole and single use plastics within the earmarked picnic area. After the picnic, it shall be the duty of the picnicking party to clean up the space utilized by them and dispose off the waste in the designated receptacles. Any party leaving without cleaning up the space shall be penalised with an amount decided by the DPMSC.
3. Polluting the water resources, washing dishes or clothes or bathing in the washing area, any water body, fountains or any of the toilets within the picnic area is strictly prohibited. Washing of hands shall be permitted only in the designated washing area.
4. The DPMSC shall follow the "No pet/ animal policy" within the picnic premises.
5. Gambling or any other sort of unlawful sports shall not be allowed in the picnic area.
6. Fishing, boating, swimming or any other water sports in water bodies within the picnic spots is prohibited unless permitted otherwise by the DPMSC.
7. Playing of loud music, instruments with high notes, hooliganism is prohibited. Incase of violation, the picnic security officials reserve the rights to remove the party from the picnic spots.
8. Removal of, or defacing a sign, poster, building, or other property within the picnic spot is prohibited.
9. Disturbance to the environment by digging holes, cutting trees, destroying the grass or damaging any property within the picnic spot is discouraged. No personal barbecues/ cooking shall to be allowed within the picnic premises without permission.
10. Caterers and food vendors are not permitted unless previous permission has been granted.
11. Bursting of firecrackers, shooting or discharging of any arms/ holding of any armed instruments within the picnic premises is strictly prohibited.
12. Building temporary structures like tent of asbestos/plastic sheds shall be prohibited.
13. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, littering etc are strictly prohibited within the limits of the picnic spots.
14. No electricity shall be provided within the picnic spots except for lighting purposes during the wee hours and hence usage of the same by the tourists shall be prohibited.
15. No riding of bicycles or vehicles within the picnic spot as it might hinder the other tourists / public picnicking.
16. No activities or functions related to any religion or political party within the picnic premises shall be allowed.

Rules for temporary vending in Picnic spots:

i. Any person who wishes to vend within the vending zones designated by the DPMSC/SDPMSC shall apply at the office of the DC/SDO (C).

ii. The DPMSC/SDPMSC reserves all rights to choose, evict and establish vending points as per the necessity and public convenience from time to time.

iii. All authorised vendors will have to abide by the terms and conditions mentioned at the time of application. In case of failure, the temporary vending registration stands cancelled.

iv. The vending permission remains valid for one picnic season only and have to be reapplied annually.

v. Measures might be taken by the DPMSC/SDPMSC to promote local vendors selling traditional/ bio handicraft products. Junk food and high sugar beverages might be discouraged to the maximum extent possible keeping in mind the safety of public health.

vi. Occasional inspections by Food safety Officers might be conducted to check the quality of the food sold in and around the picnic spots and to prevent contamination.

Eligibility criteria and terms and conditions for vendors:

1. Must have completed the age of 18 yrs and of sound mind.
2. Shall have a no previous criminal record and hence shall submit a character certificate in this favour.
3. Shall not sell items harmful for the health and environment of any products banned thereof.
4. Shall not build any permanent structure in the allotted space and shall not function beyond the designated picnic season by the DPMSC/SDPMSC.
5. Shall not cause any hindrance to the functioning of the picnic zone and the public by placing hoarding, playing loud music or any other activity thereof.
6. Shall keep the premises in and around clean and shall co-operate with the security staff of the picnic spot.
7. Shall not sub-let to any other individual. The vendor ship is individual centric and is not transferable.
8. The vendors will have to close their shops/ establishments as per fixed timing. However, the DPMSC reserves the right to change timings according to necessity during festival seasons.
9. Shall not sell items related to tobacco, smoking, alcoholic beverages any items banned thereof from time to time by the government are allowed to operate within the premises.
10. Shall take all necessary precautions to avoid any type of accident or damage to the public and the environment. Hence fitness certificate for fire safety, electricity safety and PWD(B) safety needs to be taken before opening of the shop.
11. The safety and security of the shop/ establishment shall be the sole responsibility of the owners and the park administration will not entertain complaints regarding the same.

Vending fees:

Shall be decided by the DPMSC at district level and the SDPMSC at sub divisional level.

This guidelines will come into force with immediate effect. The DPMSC shall submit monthly reports to the Director of Tourism who will be responsible for monitoring the proper functioning of the DPMSC.

Sd/-
(Dr. M.Angamuthu, IAS)
Comm. & Secy. To the Govt. of Assam
Tourism Department. Dispur-6

MemoNo.TSM.115/2019 Dated-Dispur, the 29th Nov, 2019

Copy:

1. P.S to Chief Minister, Assam for information.
2. S.O to Chief Secretary to the Govt. Of Assam, Dispur.
3. All Addl. Chief Secretary, Assam.
4. All Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam.
5. Director General of Police, Assam.
6. All Commissioner & Secretary, Govt. of Assam.
7. All District Commissioner's, Assam LAKHIMPUR
8. All SDOs, Assam.
9. All Superintendent of Police, Assam.
10. DIPR- you are requested kindly to give wide publicity of this notification by issuing Press release/ Advertisement in local News Papers (English. Hindi, Assamese) in this regard.
11. Director of Tourism, Station Road, Ghy-1
12. Managing Director, Assam Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. A.K Azad Road, Paltan Bazar, Ghy-8
13. Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Tourism Department.
14. Website Cell- for uploading in the official website.
15. All Deputy Directors/TIOs.

Yours faithfully

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Tourism Department, Dispur-6