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Splendid work

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Incredible *Dibru-Saikhowa National Park*, edited by Dr KK Dwivedi, district magistrate of Tinsukia, is much more than a credible mirror of the labyrinthine mystique of the hallowed slice of the Eastern Himalayan Biosphere, the most distinguished one among the total of 15 such reserves throughout India, in view of its amazing maze of natural presences; it is a tapestry of breathtaking colour and vibrant forms – a kind of art work that bewitches with its grandiose sights, scenes and sounds, and above all, the greater-than-life feel of the whole landscape that drowns our senses and awakens us to the overwhelming sense of a living spirit.

The work is unique because it 'treasures and em-



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balms' the majesty of the National Park through the hues and cadences of the felicitous words, adding blood and blush through a host of aesthetic photographs – many of which are sure to find their way into the niche of our hearts and continue to comfort our otherwise beleaguered sense of being.

The world has still so much more! Yes, this is the clear message that comes to us straight from the pages of the book, as also the exhortation to do our bit to conserve it as such for the future generations. The table of contents – comprising definitive studies on the diverse biological species, natural features and anthropological assessment done by persons with specialised knowledge and wide recognition in their specific areas focuses on the success of the Park and pin-points the emerging threat factors as well. The text is complemented by photographs of the flora and fauna of the National Park, together with those of select landscape and waterscape within it. Dhritiman Mukherjee of international fame has contributed the maximum number of photographs, including those on the front and back covers – in all 103, followed by Dr Dwivedi with 50 and many others. The book closes with some guidelines to the tourists and visitors, a neat glossary of important terms and concepts, checklists of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, butterflies, orchids, etc., and the bibliography of published works and unpublished reports, articles and scientific papers. A mega work indeed, with an all round excellence about it from the layout to the glossy quality of paper and print.