

# Assam - My Dream

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I call it my dream country. I am not a separatist. I call Assam a country because it has every ingredient that a country needs. My attachment to Assam is purely visionary as I was neither born nor brought up there, though my forefathers were. My first visit to that land was when I was eleven years of age.....while growing up in Bombay (Now Mumbai).

The first time I landed in Assam was beginning of winter and end of Summer. Assam is not very green at that time. The colour of the paddy fields was golden as if I was walking between lion's mane! The sheer naturalness of the place is what Assam is about.....the naturalness in a mix of people.....the unconditional natural hospitality.....the changing weathers which changes the total landscape.....the way one looks at things in the wet monsoon days in the summer and in

the sweet chilly winter. Assam might not be among the most developed areas in the world in a modern sense but it is definitely India's most nature rich and culturally solid state.

If I were to paint a perfect picture, I would paint Assam.

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