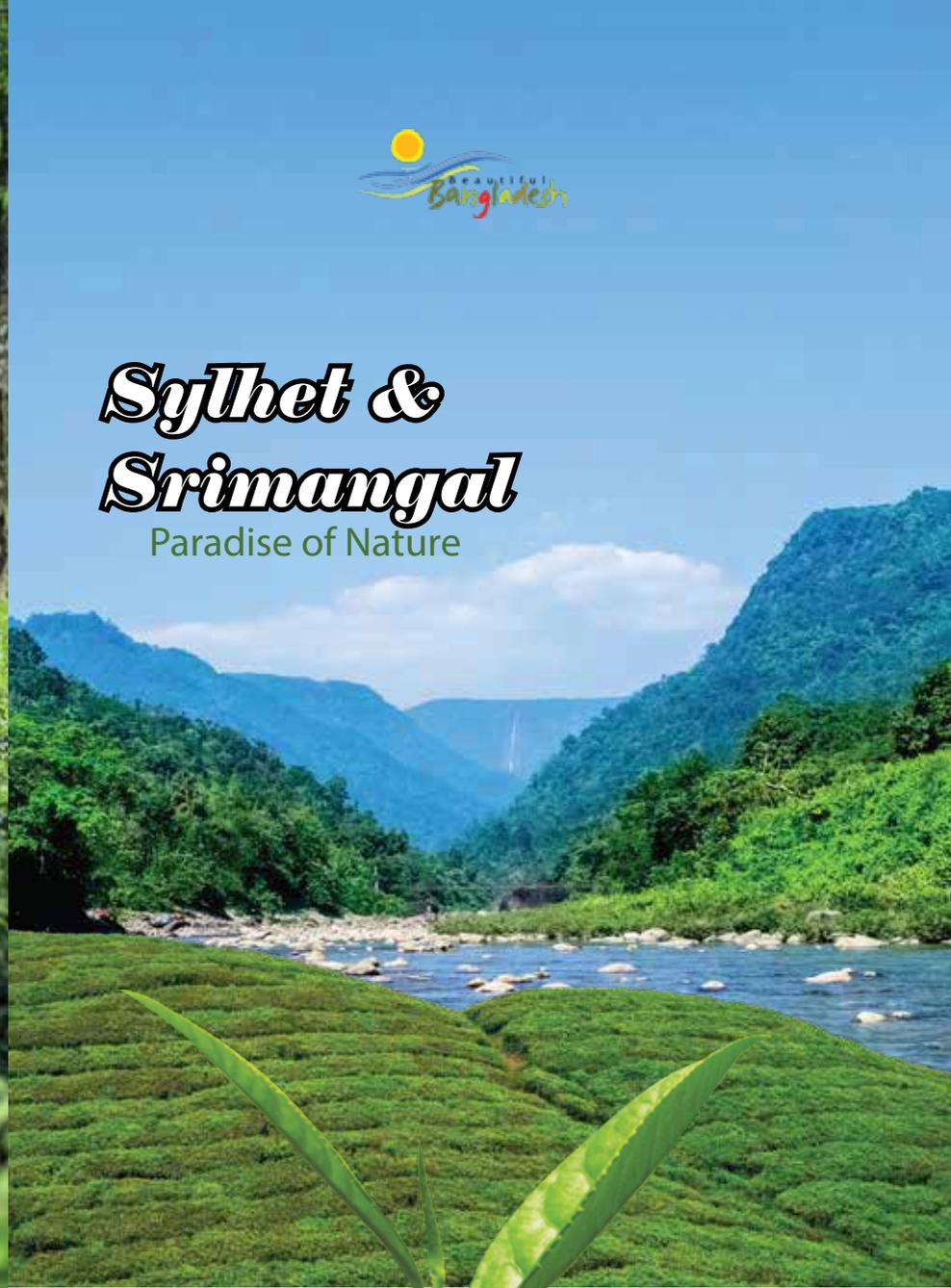




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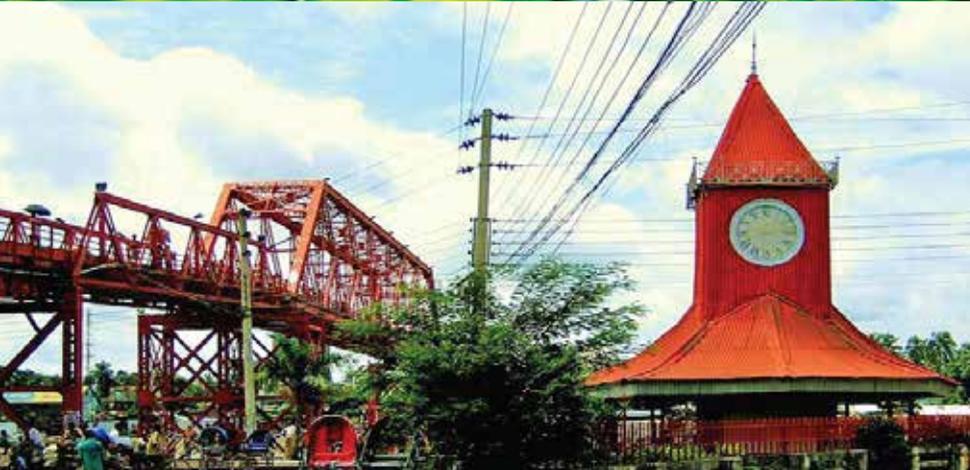


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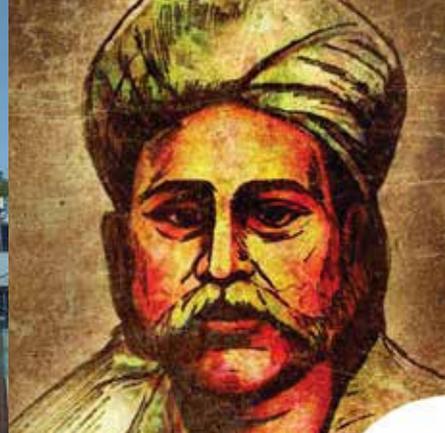
If you want to escape from hustling-bustling city life to a relaxing natural setting blessed with spiritualism, Sylhet is the perfect place for you. Lying between the *Khasia* and the *Jaintia* hills in the north and the *Tripura* hills in the south, Sylhet breaks the monotony of the flatness of land by multitude of terraced tea gardens with small and medium range hills and rolling country side. Gifted by nature's bounties, Sylhet has beautiful panoramic hills expanse of green forests and exotic flora and fauna. Awesome lakes, prodigious haors and large water reservoirs almost all over the region attract the tourists immensely. The only fresh water swamp forest of Bangladesh is situated in Sylhet. The land is proud of having a number of *Sufi* saints who came from other countries and preached and practiced here. For bird watchers, Sylhet is just a paradise. With luxurious hotels and resorts, simplicity of people, tea plantation, Sylhet is one of the toppers, if not the topmost among tour destinations in the country.





SHRINES OF HAZRAT SHAH JALAL (R) & HAZRAT SHAH PARAN (R)

The Shrine of Hazrat Shah Jalal (R) is a place of pilgrimage and a symbol of spirituality where thousands of devotees come to visit all the year round. It has been six hundred years since Hazrat Shah Jalal (R) was laid to rest, but his memory and love for him has been passed down from generation to generation. The Shrine of Hazrat Shah Paran (R) is very close to the Shrine of Hazrat Shah Jalal (R). He was a nephew of Hazrat Shah Jalal (R). In the evening usually visitors pray at the shrine and light candles for showing respect to them. The visitors also enjoy themselves by feeding *Bullseyes Snakehead (Channa Marulius)* fishes and tortoises in the pond of shrine.

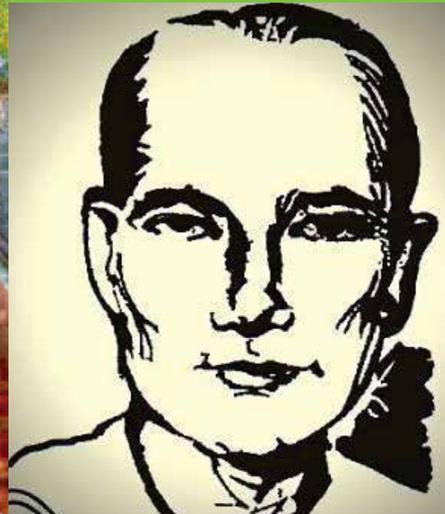
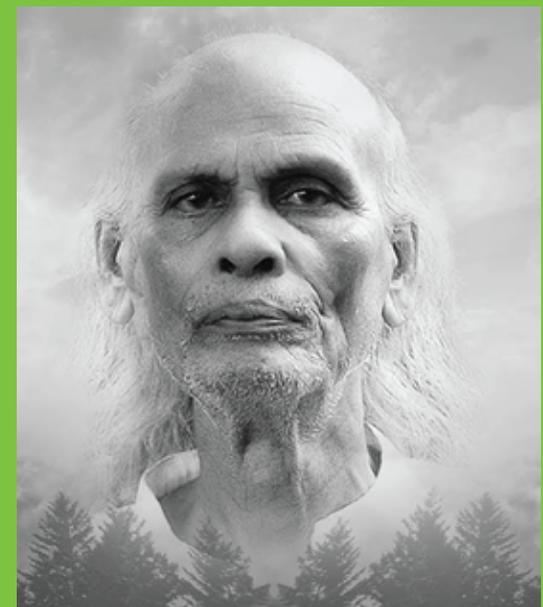


Hasan Raja

LAND OF MYSTICISM

Sylhet is highly famous across Bangladesh and overseas for not only wonderful scenic beauty but also mysticism and rich culture. The region is famous for creating prowess of a wide range of poetry, tales, songs which mesmerize the people through the ages. Eminent figures like *Hasan Raja*, *Shah Abdul Karim* and *Radha Raman* have illuminated the literary and cultural resources of the country. The tourists should not miss the opportunity to visit the ancestral home of these great figures.

Shah Abdul Karim

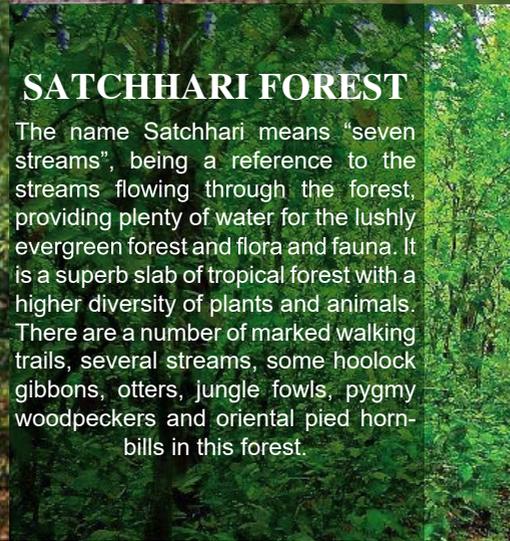


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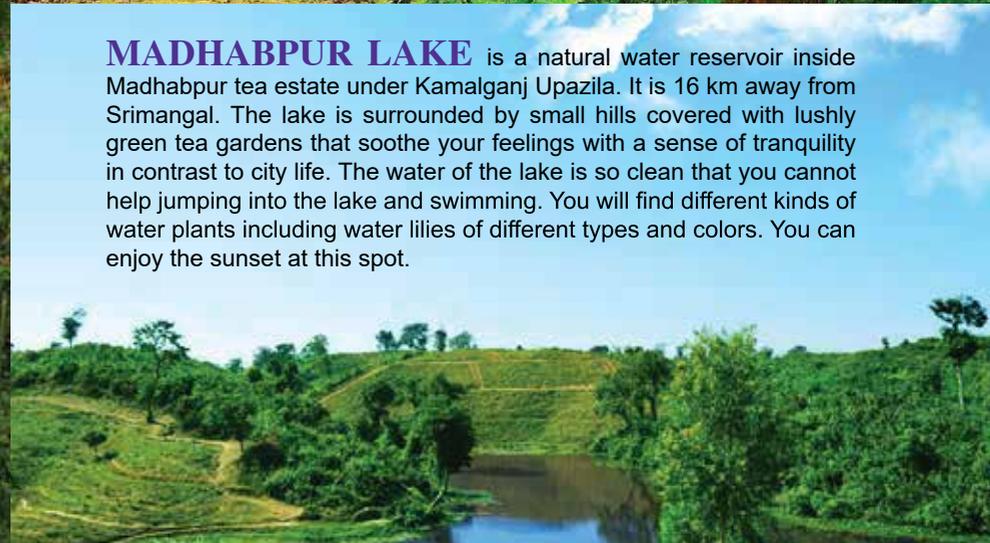
LAWACHARA RAIN FOREST

If you want to get the taste of a mysterious rain forest, Lawachara is the perfect place to visit. The well-conserved forest offers you ample opportunities for trekking and jungle walking. You will enjoy over 460 different species of birds, mammals and reptiles that live in this forest. They include deer, wild chickens, squirrels, pythons, endangered hoolock gibbons, capped langurs, slow lorises, birds, snakes, banana spiders etc. You can enjoy hiking and walking to indulge yourself in the nature close to the wildlife using the numerous trails in the forest.



SATCHHARI FOREST

The name Satchhari means "seven streams", being a reference to the streams flowing through the forest, providing plenty of water for the lushly evergreen forest and flora and fauna. It is a superb slab of tropical forest with a higher diversity of plants and animals. There are a number of marked walking trails, several streams, some hoolock gibbons, otters, jungle fowls, pygmy woodpeckers and oriental pied hornbills in this forest.



MADHABPUR LAKE is a natural water reservoir inside Madhabpur tea estate under Kamalganj Upazila. It is 16 km away from Srimangal. The lake is surrounded by small hills covered with lushly green tea gardens that soothe your feelings with a sense of tranquility in contrast to city life. The water of the lake is so clean that you cannot help jumping into the lake and swimming. You will find different kinds of water plants including water lilies of different types and colors. You can enjoy the sunset at this spot.



TEA GARDEN'S OF SRIMANGAL

Srimangal, the tea-capital of Bangladesh, having most of the tea gardens of the country, is called "The land of two leaves and a bud". The largest tea garden of the world is situated here. There are terraced tea gardens and pineapple, rubber and lemon plantations. It is more beautiful in the rainy season to stay at *Srimangal* having the highest rainfall in Bangladesh and the place has a mystic look. A good number of luxury hotels including a 5-star hotel and resorts are available here.

MADHABKUNDA WATERFALL Have you ever imagined any place that goes through the tea gardens, hills and leads you to a beautiful waterfall?

If it is not, you can just come to visit *Madhabkunda* waterfall. This is one of the highest waterfalls in Bangladesh. The green leaf trees, big bolder of black stones make this waterfall so charming and eyes catching.



A narrow waterway in a swamp forest. The water is calm and reflects the surrounding dense green foliage. Two people are seated in a small boat, moving away from the viewer. The trees are tall and have thick, gnarled trunks, with many branches hanging over the water.

Ratargul Swamp Forest

You can never imagine how silence could be so enjoyable until you visit the amazing beauty of a swamp forest named Ratargul. Visitors will find a forest under water with lots of big trees half emerged. This is an evergreen forest and one of the best freshwater swamp forests in the world. The beauty of this forest is fully bloomed in the rainy season, but never dull at other times. So don't miss the opportunity to spend some time in the forest and make the time enjoyable and memorable in your life.

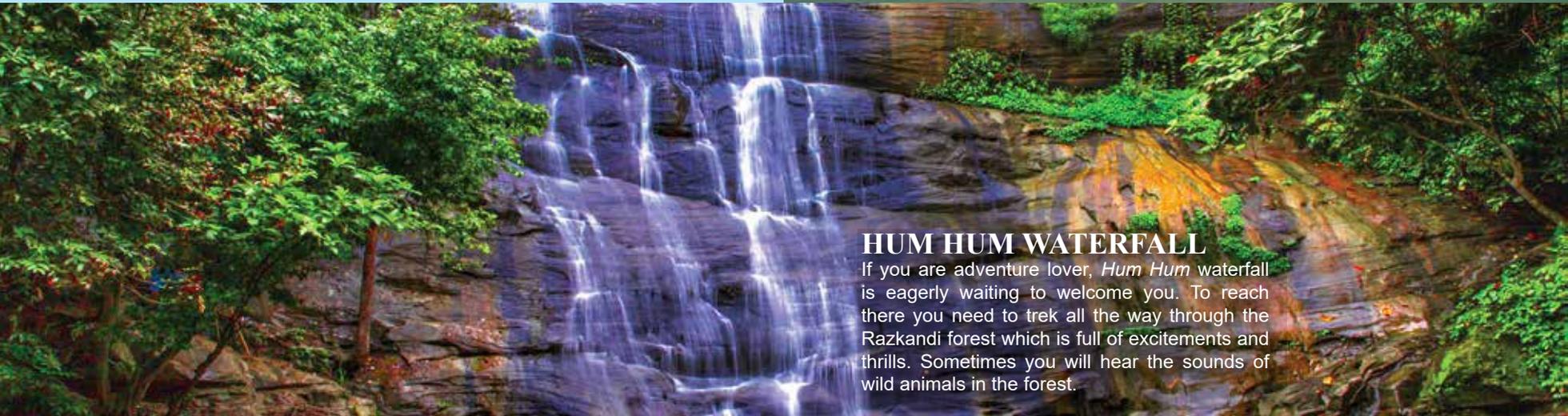
A wide view of a haor, a natural water reservoir. The water is a deep blue, and the surrounding land is covered in lush green vegetation. In the foreground, a kingfisher with a blue and orange body is perched on a branch. In the background, a small boat with a thatched roof is on the water. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

Tanguar Haor

Tanguar haor is one of the largest natural water reservoirs in the South Asia. Because of its diverse natural and aquatic features, it has been declared as a *Ramsar* site by IUCN. The site wears different looks at different seasons. During rainy season, the haor becomes a sea with strong waves and cruising across the haor at this time is an unforgettable experience. In winter green fields of miles after miles, hundreds of canals, thousands of migratory birds, fishermen in the ditches are just fabulous.

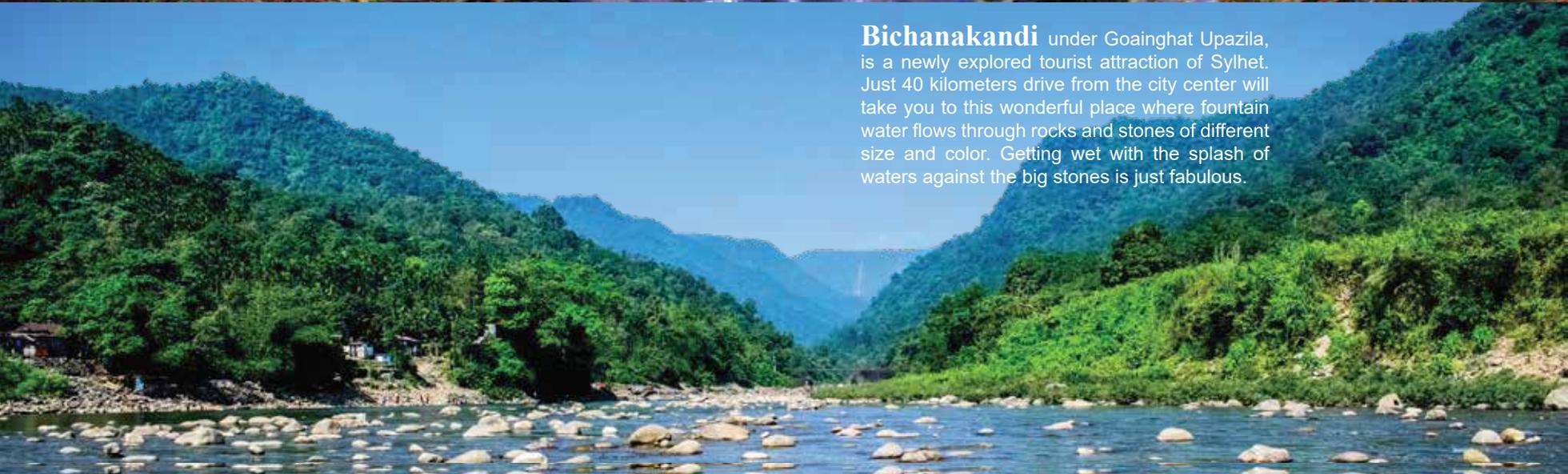
Jadukata River

Jadukata River originates in *Meghalaya* and flows into Bangladesh at Sunamganj. The river is close to the Tanguar Haor. It is a blue river and the water is so clear that you can see the river bed at the shallow areas. The river gets wider in rains. In winter miles of white sandy banks give a different look and tell a different story. Strong current during rains carries stones from *Meghalaya* which are deposited at the mouth. When water passes soothingly through these stones you get an eternal feeling. On the bank of the river there is a small hillock of about 150 feet high. This is called the *Barik Tila*. It defines Bangladesh Border with India. People ride the hillock to get a wider and clearer view. From its top, things down are seen smaller. From this side of the border a stunning view of panoramic mountains and forests of *Meghalaya* is available.



HUM HUM WATERFALL

If you are adventure lover, *Hum Hum* waterfall is eagerly waiting to welcome you. To reach there you need to trek all the way through the Razkandi forest which is full of excitement and thrills. Sometimes you will hear the sounds of wild animals in the forest.



Bichanakandi under Goainghat Upazila, is a newly explored tourist attraction of Sylhet. Just 40 kilometers drive from the city center will take you to this wonderful place where fountain water flows through rocks and stones of different size and color. Getting wet with the splash of waters against the big stones is just fabulous.



Lalakhali is one of the spectacles of Sylhet that overwhelms the visitors with its unique natural beauty. This is a wide canal flowing from the *Meghalaya* range of India and meeting *Sharee* River near *Tamabil* road. You will find blue and green water where the travelers can enjoy boat riding keeping wonderful scenic tea plantations on both sides. Only 42 kilometers drive from the Sylhet city center will take you to *Sharee Ghat*, and then hire a boat to reach *Lalakhali*.

Jaflong is a wonderful tourist spot some 60 kilometers drive from Sylhet city center. The spot is situated close to the border of Bangladesh and India. Filled with mountains and streams, it offers charming view of the *Goain* River abounds with fishes and other aquatic features. The Indigenous people 'Khasia' living in this region for thousands of years whose colorful lifestyle is a lifetime experience for the visitors.

