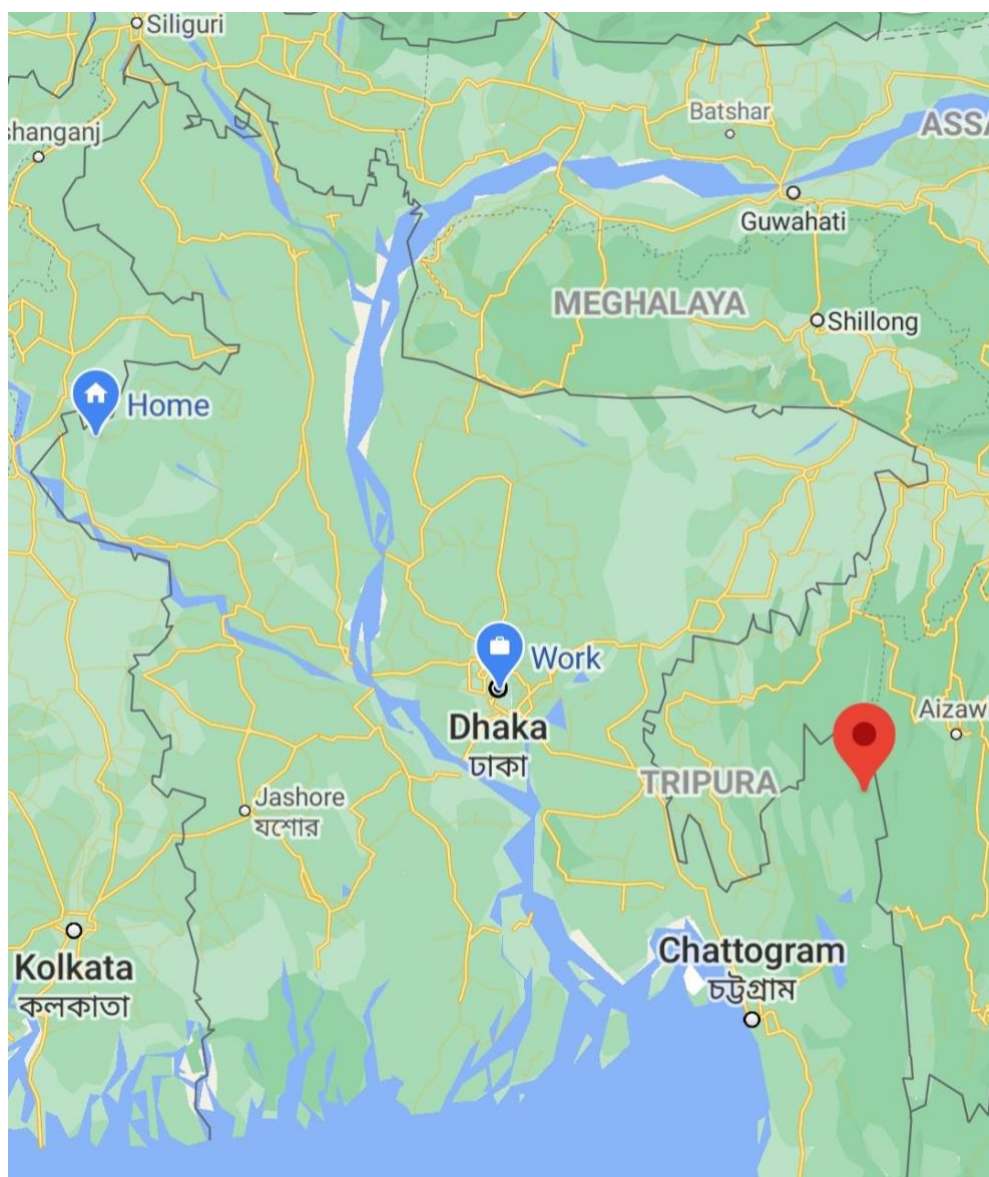


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Sajek Valley

Sajek Valley (Bengali: সাজেক উপত্যকা), also known as the “Queen of Hills & Roof of Rangamati”, is situated among the hills of the Kasalong range of mountains in Sajek union, Baghaichhari Upazila in Rangamati District. The border of Bangladesh and Mizoram of India is 8 kilometres east from Sajek. Sajek gets its name from the Sajek River which flows as a border between Bangladesh and India. This is an emerging tourist spot in Bangladesh. The valley is 1,476 feet (450 m) above sea level.



The Beauty of Sajek

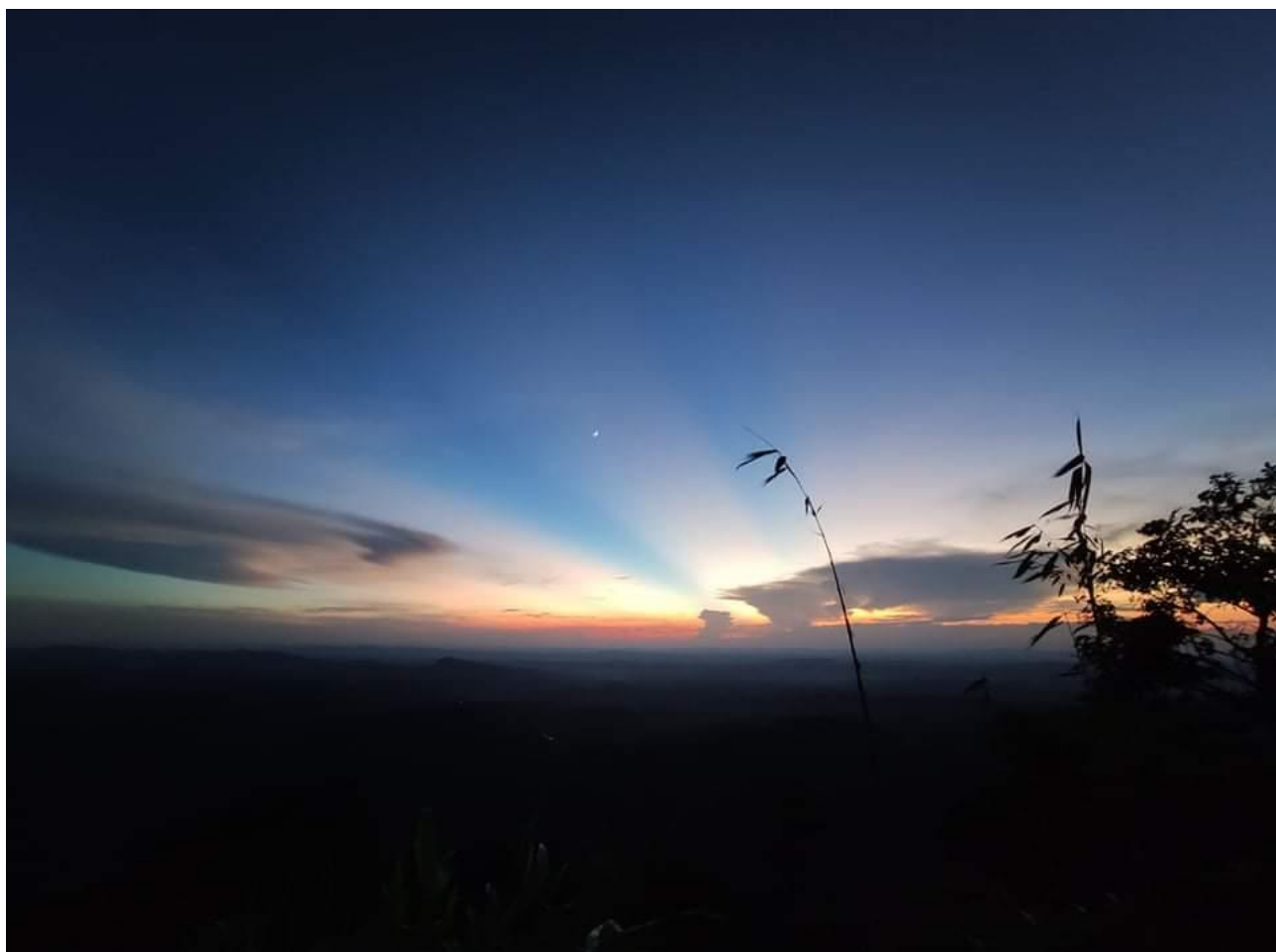
Sajek valley is nicknamed “Roof of Rangamati” (রাঙামাটির ছাদ). People especially visit the site to enjoy the sunrise and the sunset from Konglak Hill. This site can be visited any time in the year, but because of the dense clouds and rain, most people prefer to go there in the rainy season. From an ever-changing weather that shifts within minutes of blazing sunshine to a spell of the heavy clouds obscuring the fiery sun, from beautiful, sunny days to starry nights under the open sky, from adrenaline rush to peace of mind, from the bus-ride from Dighinala to Sajek Valley, everything is simply mesmerizing.



Things to do in Sajek

People usually stay there around 2-3 days and this time is enough to visit every attraction of the valley and absorb its beauty. The valley is not that vast and the whole area can be covered by 40-50 minutes of walking. The main three attractions according to the tourists are-

1. The route to the Sajek Valley
2. The sunset, sunrise and morning view from the cottage and the Helipad
3. Trekking to Konglak Para and Sikam Toisa Water Fall.



Nature

Sajek valley is surrounded by mountains, dense forest, and grassland hill tracks. It attracts people with its serene and exotic beauty of nature. Many small rivers (e.g. the Kachalong, the Machalong etc.) flow through the mountains. Konglak is famous for its orange orchard. On the way to Sajek valley, one has to cross the Mayni range and the Mayni river. The road to Sajek has high peaks and is naturally decorated with falls. In Marishsham, people make houses with bamboos.



People and culture

They do not have any special local food or drink there. They serve pork in some restaurants for foreigners. There are some halal restaurants for Muslims too. But they do not serve beef in any hotel. The native people of Sajek valley are ethnic minorities such as Chakma, Marma, Tripura, Pankua, Kaibarta, Lushai, and Sagma. Women are seen to be more involved in economic activities than men in Sajek. The natives pick fruits and fresh vegetables early in the morning and then prepare for a cook. They hardly speak Bengali but the young population speak some English. Sometimes tourists buy products and crafts made by them from the indigenous Haats (open flea market).

Wrapping it up....

The spiraling roads in Sajek, snaking all around the green rolling the lofty mountains easily attracts tourists from home and abroad in all seasons. Sajek is breath-taking with its natural beauty and resources. They also have a full mobile network and 3G network connections, which makes it ideal for the adventure lover digital backpackers.