

Passages for Listening

Lesson 2, Activity 8 (a) (i)

I met the American tourist, Jim Gordon, at the Park Hotel in Kolkata. We introduced ourselves. He was delighted to know that I was from Assam and owned a travel agency named Garuda Travels. Jim had heard of Kaziranga and its world famous one-horned rhinoceros. He was keen to visit it. He also wanted to visit the largest river island in the world, Majuli. Jim asked me what other places he should visit in Assam. I told him there were places of historical interest, wildlife sanctuaries, tourist spots and tea plantations that he could visit. Since it was mid-January, he was just in time to see the Magh Bihu, one of the major festivals of Assam, which celebrates the year's harvests with much fun and feasting. It was also the time when the Jonbeel Mela, a three-day community fair held by the indigenous Tiwa community, was held in Dayang Belguri at Jonbeel, Morigaon.

Lesson 3, Activity 4

Due to incessant rains in Assam since Monday last, the quiz programme that was scheduled to be held this afternoon has been postponed indefinitely. The participants from other districts as well as the quizmaster were unable to travel to the venue. The next date of the quiz will be notified shortly. Students are requested to continue with their regular classes.

