



Chala Reserve Forest

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- Recently, a **'Buddhist village'** in Charaideo district of eastern Assam has adopted **'Chala Reserve Forest'** to conserve the traditional sources of **colours**. This forest is about 100 m above the sea level. But, few species of orchids have been found here, which are generally found at higher altitudes.
- In the year 2018, monks of a 152-year-old Buddhist monastery located in Chalapather Shyam Gaon, Assam, **expressed concern over the 'extinction in the forests' of the Bhungloti plant**. After this, the monks started a movement for the protection of the traditional sources of colors, as a result of which the nearby **Chala Reserve Forest, spread over an area of about 683 hectares under the Sivasagar Forest Division, was declared as 'Chala Village Sanctuary'**.
- Under this, a 'Van Suraksha Dal' was formed consisting of 22 members of the village, whose task is to help the Forest Department in conserving these forests.
- It is noteworthy that **Bhungloti is a creeper, which is combined with a substance found in the root of the jackfruit tree to obtain 'saffron colour'**. This color is mainly used in the manufacture of robes for Buddhist monks in Assam.



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