

## Tea garden tourism plan

**OUR CORRESPONDENT** Alipurduar: The management of Majherdabri Tea Estate near here has decided to launch a tourist accommodation project in the plantation to augment the revenue.

"The cost of tea production is on the rise. For the survival of the estate, we need to work on alternative sources to earn more revenue. That is why it has been decided to set up a tourism project in the garden. The Alipurduar district administration is extending all necessary help to us," said Chinmoy Dhar, the manager of the estate.

The management, he said, will set up 20 cottages for tourists with all modern amenities. They will also come up with a swimming pool, a gymnasium, a spa and also plan to develop a golf course and even a helipad.

"An area of 5.20 acres of vacant land has been earmarked for the project and work will commence soon. We have the Nonai stream flowing through the garden and we would build a foot bridge over it. The plan is to get the accommodations ready in six months so that tourists can come during the Durga Puja," said Dhar.

The garden is close to the Buxa Tiger Reserve.

The management, sources said, wants to use the location advantage of the garden. Also, tourists visiting the garden can entertain themselves by taking a walk through the plantations and by checking out the process of tea making, said sources.

White tea The Majherdabri garden has recently launched white tea at the Biswa Dooars Utsav -- an annual cultural fest in the Dooars.

The white brew is a variety of young or minimally processed tealeaves.

"For the first time, we have manufactured complete organic white tea in our garden. The production cost is higher than CTC tea. We have prepared the tea from the buds of the plants. At the Dooars Utsav, we are selling the tea. Our plan is to go ahead and prepare the new variety in the coming days," said Dhar.

At the fest in Alipurduar, white tea is available at Rs 10,000 a kg or at Rs 50 per cup..

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