

Bastar the Lure of Frondescence

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Abstract - This research paper will illustrate the fear of common individuals to visit a beautiful place Bastar. As Bastar has always been in lime light for its naxalism and terror every common individual will think twice to visit this place or will refuse to join this place due to the terror created by naxalism. This research paper illustrates a live feeling of a visitor how it feels when we have a perception of a place in our mind, the news which showcases the aura of that place and how different it is in reality. A place relevant to other districts present in Chhattisgarh. Sometimes reality is different from what is illustrated in the media and newspapers.

An aesthetic place to visit and capture the immense beauty of nature.

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When we think of the word “Bastar” the first and foremost thing which comes to our mind is glimpses of Adda Sharma wearing an uniform of a commando having a Ak47 in her hand and fighting for the citizens of “Bastar ‘against the naxalism which gives a portrait of the IPS Ankita Sharma dancing in group of her volunteers of “ Bastar “after destruction of the naxalite’s camp. Mostly heard this word “Bastar” in news and newspapers though living in a part of Chhattisgarh being a domicile of Chhattisgarh ,heard this name always in terms of terror and mishaps. Never in my entire life, heard this word for any good cause.

While depicting this research paper, I searched for a few quotes on Google to enhance my research paper but unfortunately haven't got any of them on any search engine of the Internet. This shows that this part of Chhattisgarh is an untouched part which has not been touched by any of the author's manifestation. When we look at Kashmir though being such a disputed area it's always been in the manifestation of

various authors. But in comparison to Kashmir our Chhattisgarh's Bastar is untold and undescribed, with greenery, pure breeze, beautiful scenery, natural water resources, astonishing waterfalls, a natural place which has not been spoiled by the western culture.

It is astonishing that whichever trees and plants we will see in Bastar all trees and Plants are having straight and erect stem their bark is also straight and when we look at the crown of the trees are not wider in nature and height of all the stem are much more longer and erect as compared to trees which are found in Durg , Rajnandgaon, khairagarh,kawardha , Dhamtari, Raipur,Patan ,Balod , Bilaspur, Uttar Pradesh , Uttarakhand M.P. Mumbai, West Bengal and Odisha. At the sides of the roads we are able to see trees of Saal and Mangoes in various numbers. In the days of may these trees were fruited with fruits and no one was there to spoil it.

At the starting point of the Bastar a valley is present which is known as” Khesha kaal ghati “ a beautiful scenic place made with dog-leg of roads which have twelve turns in that road . At the initial point of the road a temple is situated of a goddess. A story behind this is that if a person is not worshipping in this temple then they can meet with an accident in their voyage . It may be a folklore which has been turned into a ritual. When I saw the temple from inside it was well maintained just like the temple of Dongargarh Bamleswari temple of Chhattisgarh.

We took a few pictures there and went further to see the turns of roads about which I heard a lot from others. Nothing was visible, only trees and lots of trees. Various paintings were done on the rock side of the road at the entrance. A huge painting was there of Chhattisgarh Mahtari. This scene reminded me of a glimpse of Chilpi Ghati . While on my voyage I was thinking that as heard in various news channels

something scary we will witness during this voyage. Our next stop was Kondagaon. I thought that now I will definitely see something scary as depicted in various news Channels. While hailing towards Kondagaon I was thinking it will be like a village huts will be there and we will have a vendor shop to have tea.

But I was astonished to see the development of Kondagaon. It had the same architecture as we see in Durg, much more clean and much more smooth roads to run. They were having a battalion of CISF which we normally don't see in Durg. As depicted in news channels, kondagao was much more different in my opinion . Now I was a bit more curious to visit jagdalpur. My expectation was increasing. I was so curious to see the architecture of Jagdalpur. In my mind I was framing some pictures that it will be like small towns of Durg like Utai, kawardha, khairagarh and Balod .I was feeling that Jagdalpur will be like these places. It will not be more than this.

We reached the main square of Jagdalpur. I said Papa this is like Raipur's square. Than my Dad replied so what you were thinking about this place it's much more bigger and developed place than our Durg I said oh don't tell me than we went to the opposite side of city in the resort ""The Khet "" it was the time of dusk and it was getting dark through it was a cloudy day as we was hailing towards our destination due to so long trees it was appearing dark . We took seven turns to reach our destination. Initially I thought I had made the biggest mistake in booking the site because it was too far from the city. As we were moving forward my expectation was decreasing. I was thinking now mummy will taunt me that you got this only place to book. Ultimately she said that "baba re kitni door hai gudiya kal tum apna interview kaise Dene jaogi yaha se ". Then I asked Papa how I will go tomorrow if I will reach on time or not. Then my Dad said to my Mom see you scared now how confidently she will give her interview. Than my son said aree Nani itni badi vehicle kya hum log dekhne k liye laye hai isi mai jaegi mummy.

Visited the khet resort when I saw it from outside. I said to my Mom mummy you are not feeling this, we have come to our farm house of Utai. Again I said I wasted my whole money, then we went in. I was a bit

worried if it would be hot. How we will manage to sleep in one AC. room. My Dad understood my problem and gracefully said you will sleep along with both the children in Ac room, me and your Mom. We will adjust in this without Ac room in these two cots. I looked at my Mom's face. She was not looking happy but she also said yes. Then I tried to convince my son that we two will sleep in this non ac room nana ji ,nani ji and (my nephew) they will sleep in ac room . Then he said why sammarth will sleep in ac room and I will not, we have paid for this trip he has not, than from back sammarth said" abe saale mai hi sounge waha tum gareeb log yaha sooge garmai Mai "".

Then anyhow I diverted their mind and told them to go and have a look at the swimming pool. As sammarth went to the swimming pool with his jeans and t shirt he directly jumped into the pool he was feeling delighted it was seen on her face than I asked honey (my son) how is the place he was quite and said it's ok than he said why you brought sammarth along with us all the time you will only take care of him I said no it is not like that I planned this trip for you, Nanaji and Naniji as you always use to say me that mummy why don't we go for vacation out of the town because during that I was not having enough money to spend but this time I saved money to make this trip for you all.

Again a threatening news on Bastar on 09 june 2025 an Assp got dead in iEd blast really a heart wrenching news whenever we see Bastar in new way some or the other news we get which again make us disbelieve in peace. When I was planning this trip of Bastar few days ago pahalgam miss happening took place when ever I was thinking of Bastar and it's sites a bit of fear was always there in my mind that if we will visit and again something will happen than how we will manage but I was having full trust on my Indian police and army that they will not happen us anything. And see we were safe .

People scare to visit Jagdalpur but it is a beautiful place to visit and leave in urban area development is more as compared to Durg new building are made we have everything from house of a judge to the house of IAS officer, an aerodrome for domestic flights, an University these are the places which defines a well developed city and contrast to this in rural area peace

is there greenery is there natural resources are there innocent people are there those who don't know what is Swiggy and zomato at 2 pm in noon ready to serve you wholemeal within one hours wholeheartedly still looking with innocent eyes on your face to serve few things extra on demand having a tone of Oriya, Chhattisgarhi and mixed Hindi which reminds me the character of a boatman in novel of Ravindra Nath Tagore .

Dark Complexion man with medium height having black curly hairs, broad nose, broad lips, broad jawline having a resemblance with tribes of odisha and Chhattisgarh. In novels of Ravindra Nath Tagore we see this character of boatman in Dhoti and baniyan but hear due to influence of western culture I saw laxman in T-shirt and three fourth shorts. A person good at cooking, managing the whole property, and working as an electrician when there is a problem with a power cut.

At last I noticed that he was found of listening the songs to Kishore Kumar that to the romantic one while doing his work his wife voice I was able to hear and his eight months infant crawling on floor and a four year daughter playing with her friends , his wife was able to understand a bit of Hindi but was not able to speak we both interacted with smile language which she was able to understand. My Mom saw the tree of Apricot and she eager to taste one I said don't do that it is not ripe yet it might have some acidic property than laxman 's wife immediately brought a knife to cut it she was happy to offer us everything .In my life first time I witnessed the fruit of Apricot which is impossible to see in Durg, Rajnandgaon, Khairagarh, Kawardha, Dhamtari ,Raipur, Patan , Balod ,Bilaspur and Uttar Pradesh.

These are the treasures of Chhattisgarh. This place should be conserved with some rules and regulations. Development should be done but it should not harm these natural places. We visit other countries to visit these kinds of places and our Chhattisgarh is filled with such beautiful natural places. We need more marketing of these places in order to acknowledge people that in our Chhattisgarh also various places are there to visit. At last I will like to describe “Bastar” with these lines

*“Yeh Shaam Mastani Madhosh kiye jaye ,
Mujhe dor koi kheechte teri ore liye jaye .”*

These lines are depicted from the song of Kishore Kumar written by Anand Bakshi illustrates the real feeling about “Bastar” which means this beautiful evening is so alluring that I'm getting attracted towards you as a string pulls something towards it.

Bastar can be understood by this song

*“Yeh asma jhuk raha hai zameen par,
Yeh milan hamne dekha yahi par,
Mere sapne mere apne milenge shayad yaha .“*

These lyrics were depicted by famous lyricist Shail Chaudhary and Shailendra which was sung by a renowned singer of bollywood depicts the exact feeling of a nature lover who visits Bastar in any season. Which illustrates “this sky is leaning towards earth as a lover embraces her beloved in his arms and such a type of scenic scene we have never witnessed anywhere else in the whole world.

As per my perception Bastar is

“Frondescence is it's Lure,
Our Bastar is obscure “

Which means greenery is the beauty of Bastar but it is unknown and unobserved in the international aspect. We need much promotions and marketing for this place because we are also having a treasure which is hidden in terms of natural beauty in the whole world . And the word is Bastar.

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