

#TRAVEL

Discover the charm of Niladri Lake

For those yearning to break free from the clutches of hectic urban life – especially this monsoon – Niladri Lake, also known as Shaheed Siraj Lake, offers a serene retreat. Tucked away in the lush landscape of Tekerghat village in Tahirpur upazila in the Sunamganj district – Niladri Lake is a breathtaking natural reservoir that captures the vivid interplay of nature and tranquillity.

Eliza Chowdhury, who visited Niladri Lake a while back, shares, “The lake reveals its dual personality with the changing seasons. In monsoon, it brims with water, reflecting the vibrant life above and below its surface. Come winter, as the waters recede, the lakebed transforms into fertile farmland, where the local community

cultivates crops.”

“One of the lake’s significant advantages is its proximity to Tanguar Haor. Visitors often combine trips to both locations, as they are only a short boat ride away from each other,” she adds.

Adjacent to Niladri Lake rests an unused, weathered railway engine bogie, once used for transporting limestone. Visitors and photographers rarely pass up the opportunity to immortalise the lake’s views and the encircling mountains through their cameras.

So, how to reach Niladri Lake?

Chowdhury informs, “During monsoon, you have to take a boat ride to reach the lake. But in winter, bikes or autorickshaws

can be hired for the trip. If you are travelling with a tour group to Tanguar Haor, I would suggest paying a visit to Niladri Lake, which is relatively easy.”

Every day, buses depart from Sayedabad bus terminal and Mohakhali in Dhaka for Sunamganj. So, if you are a resident of the city, hop on a bus and head towards Sunamganj. From there, local transport options like autorickshaws and private cars can be hired to reach Tahirpur, which serves as the gateway to Niladri Lake.

Moreover, an intercity train departs from Dhaka for Mohanganj in Netrokona. Tourists have the option to hire trawlers, speedboats, or boats directly from Netrokona to Tekerghat. In the winter

months, motorcycles are used to transport visitors directly from Netrokona to Tekerghat.

Niladri Lake appeals to a wide range of travellers – from those seeking solitude and couples desiring a romantic backdrop – to families eager to explore new landscapes together. So, plan a trip to Niladri Lake this monsoon and let its tranquil waters and soothing landscapes rejuvenate your spirit.

And remember to keep the pristine condition of the lake by disposing of waste properly and not disturbing the natural habitats.

By Ayman Anika

Photo: Eliza Chowdhury

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ARIES (MAR. 21-APR. 20)

Your energetic nature will make you popular. Keep your feelings to yourself. You will do well in social events. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



TAURUS (APR. 21-MAY 21)

You will have plenty of good ideas. You might meet a new romantic partner. Find ways to soothe your nerves. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN. 21)

Romantic opportunities may not be as they appear. Don't be pushy at work. Call loved ones to catch up. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



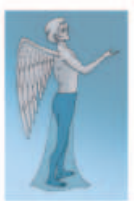
CANCER (JUN. 22-JUL. 22)

Your childlike quality may get you into trouble. Investments may not pay off. Don't let your stubbornness blind you. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



LEO (JUL. 23-AUG. 22)

Secret affairs will lead to deception. Don't make excuses. Avoid problematic individuals. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEP. 23)

Make time for old friends. Problems with your partner will escalate. Don't be transparent about your negative thoughts. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



LIBRA (SEP. 24-OCT. 23)

Avoid disappointment by making amends. Reconsider your professional direction. Someone close to you may need help. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Expand your horizons by interacting with foreigners. Things at work will leave you feeling uncertain. Accept the inevitable. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Don't overspend on entertainment. Think twice before pursuing an unrealistic endeavour. Get yourself some sound advice to break the confusion. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Treat your partner well. Re-evaluate your motives regarding friendships. Don't overreact to someone's advances. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Be accommodating for the time being. Sudden romantic infatuations won't last. Don't let rose-tinted glasses cloud your judgement. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)

Your partner will trigger you this week. Don't let jealousy mess you up. Concentrate on your career and on making money. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

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