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title: Need to declare Guptipara in Hooghly district, West Bengal as a tourist destination.

DR. RATNA DE (NAG) (HOOGHLY): Guptipara, commonly known as Gupto Brindaban in West Bengal has been a centre of excellence for many centuries is the birth place of eminent personalities in the field of learning and has produced many spiritual persons. Hence, Guptipara should be declared as a tourist destination. Guptipara falls under police station Balagarh, District Hooghly, West Bengal. One can see centuries old temples and rich culture heritage. Rath Yatra festival is one of the attractions of Guptipara. We find innumerable parables and folk tales concerning Guptipara. There is richness surrounding Guptipara. Guptipara has the potential to become an international tourist destination. Unfortunately till now, it has not even been considered or declared as a national tourist destination. Time has come now to declare Guptipara as tourist destination for some of the reasons mentioned above. There is much more to Guptipara than meets the eye. Hence, I would like to strongly urge upon the Government and the Minister of Tourism to declare Guptipara in West Bengal as tourist destination without any further delay.