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Unique rock formation in Mhadei forest

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Keri: On the steep slopes of the Western Ghats, on Goa's eastern border, 3.5 km away from the Chidambar Math of Ambede-Codal, a unique rock formation peeps out through a dense forest cover.

Situated inside the heart of the Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary, it is referred to locally as 'Nimago Guno'. And what attracts hoards of visitors to the 49m-high perpendicular natural structure, is its curious shape and size

Interestingly, just 100m away from this formation, is the rocky structure of a hill that look like a pass. But the hike to reach the base of 'Nimago Guno' isn't one for the faint-hearted. Once there, however, the spectacular view on offer, of nature in all its glory, is well-worth the effort put in.

"At the entrance of the rock formation is a boulder from where one can get a panoramic view of wilderness," said Suryakant Gaonkar, a trekker from Bhuipal.

The area is also a paradise for avid birders as one can often find various species of birds perched on the summit. At the base of it is a small cave oozing water, where birds quench their thirst.