

Baokhungri Festival 2025 Kicks Off at Baokhungri Hill in Kokrajhar



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The 12th edition of the Baokhungri Festival began on Saturday with vibrant celebrations at Baokhungri Hill in Kokrajhar district, drawing a large gathering of visitors and devotees. The three-day event is being organized by the Tourism Department of the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC).

Held annually on the eve of the Bodo New Year—marking the last day of the Choitra month—the festival ushers in the Baisak month, celebrated as Rongjali Bwisagu or Rongali Bihu, with cultural fervor and spiritual significance.

The event was inaugurated by Dharma Narayan Das, Executive Member of the BTC, who opened the main festival entrance, marking the start of a rich cultural showcase.

One of the most sacred elements of the festival is the Baokhungri Hill trek, scheduled for April 14, during Sankranti. Thousands of devotees are expected to climb the hill to offer prayers to Lord Bwrai Bathou, seeking blessings for good health and the fulfillment of wishes.

Throughout the festival, traditional Bodo sports such as Khomlainai (Bodo wrestling), Ghila Gelenai, Dongfang Bukhunai, and Daobo Athing are being held, alongside cycling races and indigenous games that highlight the community's athletic spirit.

The venue features numerous food stalls offering traditional Bodo delicacies, while cultural performances from various ethnic groups enrich the celebration, reflecting the cultural diversity and harmony of the Bodoland region.

Prominent dignitaries present on the opening day included BTC Executive Members Dabaisa Boro, Ranjit Basumatary, and Dhanajay Basumatary, along with Member of Parliament Rwngrwa Narzary and MLA Lawrence Islary.

Beyond cultural celebration, the Baokhungri Festival serves as a platform to preserve indigenous traditions, promote community unity, and boost tourism in the region. Local citizens and organizing committee members are working diligently to ensure the event's smooth execution and grand success.

“I'm thrilled to join the 12th Baokhungri Festival 2025. Let's celebrate nature, culture, and unity together. Trek the iconic Baokhungri Hills, soak in our rich traditions, and revel in community spirit. See you at the summit,” said BTC Executive Member Ranjit Basumatary.

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