

Baukhungri festival concludes



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The fourth Baukhungri festival was concluded with two-day colourful programme scheduled here at Harinaguri, 10km [east](#) of Kokrajhar town along the Baukhungri Hill in Kokrajhar district on Wednesday.

Sea of people, young and old, men and women, irrespective of caste, creed and [community](#), headed the 'Baukhungri Hill' to scale the hill on the Sankranti, a day before Bwisagu or Bihu.

The Bodos traditionally celebrate the festival [as](#) Baukhungri Hajw Gakhwnai (climbing of Baukhungri Hill) on the last day of Choitra month (April 13) that is Sankranti.

The festival gathers its attraction and availing of different enjoyment, apart from adventure sports like paragliding, [indigenous](#) games like khomlainai (Bodo wrestling) and cock-fighting and traditional cuisine from all [over](#) the region, was organised by Tourism department, BTC on the eve of Bwisagu([Assamese](#) new year).

BTC deputy [chief](#) Kampa Borgoyary, who is also in-charge of Tourism department graced the last day of the festival [as chief](#) guest. He said that the Baukhungri festival is a national festival of Bodoland region, especially on the eve of Bwisagu or Bihu where peoples from all walks of life participates with great enthusiastic moment

Borgoyary said, 'The traditional Bodo custom to climb the hill called 'Baukhunguri' on the auspicious day of Sankranti which has been celebrating [as](#) a festival every year in a systematic and organised way'.

He said that since (time) immemorial, locals have been thronging and climbing Baukhungri hill near Kokrajhar town in an unorganized manner, but since four years back, it has been organized by BTC Tourism department in well organized. The festival has been exploring tourism field in the region through which tourists are visiting to see natural beauties and scenes.

Various adventurous sports like trekking competitions, paragliding, [indigenous](#) sports like khomblainai etc and food festival with [indigenous](#) food items to attract tourists from all [over](#) the region, besides organizing multi-cultural showcasing was also presented on the festival.

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