

'Gamusa' politics come on fore during festivals only



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Gamusas and Japis are two important items in Assam, which are in much demand throughout the year in the [state](#) especially during festival seasons and social functions. These items are demanded by the people to honor the guests and honorable persons during each and every event.

However, it has been [found](#) that throughout the festival seasons the supply of locally woven gamusas are not according to demand by the customers. The reason behind it is said to be heavy cost of the locally produced items. On the other hand the [weavers](#) and traders from other parts of the country take advantage of supplying gamusas at cheaper rates and make more profit despite spending heavy cost on transportation of goods and labor charges.

Interestingly, despite much hue and cry not a single section of people comes forward to meet the demand of the market. It is said that the local [weavers](#) do not get yarn and other materials for weaving gamusas. The [weavers](#) accuse the government for not making arrangement to supply yarn and looms for weaving sufficient gamusas. It is also complained that the cost of local products are higher due to heavy labor charges. Complaints are lodged by a number of people [against](#) local private suppliers of materials like looms, yarns etc, of charging heavy prices which leads to high cost of production.

On the other hand people complain that such products are coming from Uttar Pradesh and Southern parts of the country. May be the labor charges are cheaper in other parts of the country, but expenses incurred on packing and transportation also have to be taken in account.

In the present situation it is necessary that local entrepreneurs come forward to get raw materials from sources available and not sit idle that the Central or [state](#) government would make the things available. The Central and [state](#) governments have introduced a number of schemes for the young entrepreneurs and it is time for local people to come forward and make the [state](#) self sufficient.

It is seen that the people in thousands flock together shouting slogans [against](#) the government for providing jobs to the people. These people can play major role to unite and work together in the interest of the [state](#) and self.

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