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Joy of Magh Bihu



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GUWAHATI: Joy of Magh bihu grips millions of people in the nook and corner of the state (/taxonomy/term/2332) as the annual harvest festival takes place on Sunday with offering puja to the firegod.

Defying a biting cold wave, the folks in the rural, urban and semi urban areas throng the festival venues in the open fields where they lit up the wooden or bamboo structure which they call Meji.

"We have this wooden Meji which we lit up at 3.30 in the morning. Our tradition allows us to lit up it only before the sunrise," said Amalesh Kalita, a local resident of Merapani in Golaghat district.

The folks in rural area of Barpeta district have the tradition of the maji made of bamboo and straw they lit up chanting a hymn to thr firegod early in the morning.

"We made the meji with straw and bamboo near the Bhelaghar, make shift house yesterday. We lit up the make shift house after the community feast in the evening and the meji was lit up at 4 in the morning," said Ajit Pathak in Pattacharkuchi area in Barpeta district.

Reports of the bihu celebration are pouring in from Kokrajhar, Namrup, Margherita, Tangla (/taxonomy/term/56), Nazira, Golaghat, Teok, Hojai, Dhalpur with traditional fervour.

Traditional games, buffalo fight
(/taxonomy/term/2073), cock fight (/taxonomy/term/2073), bulbul
fight (/taxonomy/term/2073) are lined up in many
places where the folks are prepared to
defy the Supreme Court's standing
directives against these.



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