

Magh Bihu at barpeta



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Barpetians also observed 'Bhogali Bihu' or 'Magh Bihu' with satriya tradition and gaiety in spite of the excessive price hike along with the entire state. The Barpetians believed that along with the lighting of the 'Meji' all the evils would be removed from the society. At Barpeta satra this 'Bhogali Bihu' is started from the 'Sangkranti' (last day of Assamese 'puh mah') to the 4th of 'Magh Mah'. During these five days along with the regular 'Prasangas' other traditions were also held. At Barpeta satra the 1st day of 'Magh' is called the 'Bar Domahi' (in colloquial language it is called 'maghar domhi'). On that very day 'meji' was lightened at 'Tupar Chotal' in the satra campus. The people of Barpeta assembled at the Barpeta Satra Campus on that day and bow down their head in front of 'Guru Aasan' and prayed for the wellbeing of the people. The people of Barpeta take 'Tilak' with the ashes of 'meji' on that day. The gayan-Bayans also performed after the regular prasangas. Along with these other rituals were also held in the Barpeta campus. Earlier, the people of Barpeta took bath in the river before the lightening of the 'meji'. In this way the people of Barpeta observed this Bhogali Bihu with satriya tradition exceptionally. It is called exception, because, while the entire state observed Bhogali Bihu on the same day in the last day of 'Puh Mah', Barpetians observed it one day later that is on the 1st day of 'Magh Mah'. And 'Uruka' is held at Barpeta on the last day of 'Puh Mah'.



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