

Majuli Friendship Day on Jan 3



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Society for Srimanta Sankaradeva, a global organisation engaged in promoting the legacy of Srimanta Sankaradeva is organising an event on January 3, [2016](#) at Nagaon to create awareness about the river island Majuli, which is a hub of Sankari culture in all its hues. The event has been named [as](#) Majuli Friendship Day. It will highlight the rich heritage of the river island and draw attention to the peril of erosion the island is facing. Earlier the Society [celebrated](#) 'Nagaon Friendship Day' in 2014. That event honored a few individuals contributing to Sankari culture.

The Society will felicitate eminent environmentalist Padmashree Jadav Payeng in this Majuli Friendship Day [as](#) he has contributed a lot to the preservation of ecology in Majuli. He will [lead](#) a plantation drive alongwith the event. The participants of the event will also take a pledge. The pledge is : "I take a vow to do my best to preserve the ecology. I will plant at least one sapling every year in my premises."

There will be display of different facets of Sankari culture in the event. There will be Sattriya Nritya recital by national award winning artist Meenakshi Medhi. [Ranjan](#) Bezbarua from Nagaon and Madhab [Krishna Das](#) from Dibrugarh will perform Bargeet. Artists of Srimanta Sankaradeva Sangha will perform Diha-Naam and Thiya-naam. Artists from Rangalaya, [Puranigudam](#) will perform Gayan-Bayan.

An exhibition of Aharya used in [Bhaona](#) will be held during the Majuli Friendship Day. These will include Mask, Costume, Headgear, Ornaments and different accessories used in [Bhaona](#). It may be noted that all these products were prepared by the members of Society for Srimanta Sankaradeva in a [workshop](#) conducted by it in 2014 under the sponsorship of Sangeet Natak Akademi. A Photo Exhibition also will be held where different facets of Majuli will be displayed through photographs. Simultaneously an Art competition will be organised for students on the theme of 'Majuli'.

Several experts from different discipline will address the event. [Prof](#) Prashanta Kr Bordoloi, Director of [Kaziranga](#) University, Shantanoo Bhattacharyya, Engineer and erosion specialist, [Prof](#) Dilip Kr. Medhi, Expert of Archaeological Anthropology, Dr Anupam Sarma of World [Wildlife](#) Fund, Rituraj Phukan, a climate expert and Dr Arun Sarma, [President](#) of Majuli Island Protection and [Development](#) Council will give presentations on Majuli. Bhadrakrishna Goswami, former [President](#) of Asom Sattri Mahasabha will inaugurate the event. Dr Binoy Bordoloi, Director, Assam Foundation of North America, USA, Dr Kandarpa Kumar Deka, Vice Chancellor of Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya and Janardan Goswami, Sattradhikar of Uttar Kamalabari Sattri will also attend the event.

The Society wants the dealers of ethnic cloth and ethnic food of Majuli to exhibit and sell their products in the event. Any one interested in giving stalls of food or cloth is invited to contact the Secretary Mridu Moucham [Bora](#) at the numbers 9401383517, 9864906301. The event will take place in Nagaon Natya Mandir, Amolapatty, Nagaon. The plantation will be carried out in the morning at [8.30](#) am in the premises of ADP College in co-operation with ADP College Teachers Council. The main event will [start](#) at 9.30 am at Nagaon Natya Mandir.

The Majuli Friendship Day is sponsored by the [Assamese](#) diaspora in United States and Netherlands. Ankur [Bora](#) living in Dallas, USA has coordinated them. It may be mentioned that Society for Srimanta Sankaradeva organised an international conference on Majuli in 2012. It gave relief to flood [victims](#) of Majuli and also gave financial assistance to several artisans in Majuli. The Society is associated with the effort to get World Heritage Site status for Majuli.

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