

Rongali Bihu is here



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If winter comes can spring behind? Its spring time in Assam...time for celebration of the season with joy. The advent of spring is marked by the season flowers in full bloom. The rivers which lost their primes have regained its strength with the rains that end the dry spell. The entire state gets transformed into a nest of singing birds and what not.

Assam, the name of a north eastern state in India is all set to celebrate the season with its much-vaunted Rongali Bihu. The seven day long festival begins on Tuesday to be observed as Garu bihu. The day would be observed with the pujas offering to the cows..the lifeline of Assam and its economy. Early in the morning cows would be taken out for a community bath which would be followed by the pujas.

The Day two is Manih Bihu---the day of joy and merriment. Its the begining of the agricultural activities for the year in the Assamese calender begining on Friday. Bihu hucharies, the ineperable part of the Rongali Bihu would be in place to make the celebration a success.

Despite hardpressed by many and hurdles and hi-cups, the people of Assam are set to celebrate the Bihu this time also from Tuesday. The sky-rocketing price hike, string after strings of incidents of violence and even the electioneering heat and dust have nothing to disrupt the Bihu. Right from Sadiya to Dhubri, from Kamakhya to Kakopathat, its a moment of joy and merriment as the Bihu is here. The bihu hucharis, even it originated amid pastoral surrounding, with the passage of time is being shifted to the urban areas. Hucharis have reached the stage in towns.

Umpteen numbers of cultural functions are being organised to make the occasion across the state. Guwahati has gone one step ahead. The principal north eastern city has kickstarted the celebration of the bihu from Sunday with cultural function.

Markets are teeming with people for shopping. After all its the much-vaunted Rongali Bihu.

Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi has congratulated the people on the occasion. In a message, he hopes that the Bihu will bring peace and development to Assam at a time it is embroiled in violence.

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