

## Bonhomie boost with Bhutan



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GUWAHATI: The Indo-Bhutan bonhomie is set to receive a huge boost if the golden jubilee celebration of the formal diplomatic relations is any indication.

The Himalayan kingdom celebrated the [Festival](#) of Assam at Thimphu on Thursday and Friday at Hotel Taj Tashi, which was attended by the [Home](#) Minister of Bhutan, Dawa Gyeltshen, [Home](#) Secretary of Bhutan, Sonam Topgay, the Ambassador of [India](#) to Bhutan, Jaideep Sarkar and the Ambassador of [Bangladesh](#) to Bhutan.

A high [level](#) delegation led by the Minister, Cultural Affairs Department of Assam, Naba Kumar Doley, 8 MLAs and other officials also participated in the events.

The speakers in the event recalled the age old relations between Bhutan and Assam and the trading activities between Bhutan and Assam.

Naba Kumar Doley also brought out the fact that Bhutan have established a Consulate in Guwahati and the visit of the Prime Minister of Bhutan to Assam recently.

A cultural troupe from Assam led by Somneth Bora Oja enthralled the audience with their stellar performance of Bihu and drum based performances.

The dignitaries and guests were also given a taste of Assamese cuisine, starting with Oou Tenga soup and other Assamese delicacies.

The [India](#)-Bhutan [Trade](#) and Transit Agreement of 1972 established a free [trade](#) regime between the two countries.

Every year, Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry organizes the [India](#)-Bhutan Friendship Trade [Fair](#) in one of the bordering towns in which traders from [India](#), including Assam, take part.

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