

## Goat prices up ahead of Bakrid



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Inflation hasn't spared [Muslim](#) festival of Bakrid or Id-ul-uzha. At the traditional goat bazaar in Kalaigaon, [Dimakuchi](#), Ghagra of the district buyers and breeders are negotiating hard. The consensus is prices are up though the two sides [don't](#) agree by how much.

Every Bakrid season, the traditional goat market in Kalaigaon market transforms into a full-fledged bazaar in the days goat breeders arrive with their flock. This year, prices have shot up and even the [normal](#) goat varieties are being sold at rates ranging from Rs [8,000](#) to Rs 15,000 for an [animal](#). The goat bazaar is also unique in another sense [as](#) majority of the goat sellers are [Hindus](#). Bakrid is an important date in their business calendar.

"I have 20 goats here at the market and am hoping to get a good [price](#) for them. They are local breeds. My starting [price](#) is Rs [8,000](#) and I have already sold a few," said a trader at the Kalaigaon market.

"[Goat](#) prices have gone up this year. [As](#) people [don](#)'t rear goats [as](#) they used to in villages making a scarcity of goats for Bakrid," said Mrinal [Das](#), who has arrived with 5 goats to be sold at the Kalaigaon market.

S. Khan, another resident of [Tangla](#) on the lookout for a goat for his family, said that apart from the [price](#), the physical condition of the goat also has to be checked thoroughly. He added that [as](#) per the tradition and ritual, the [animal](#) chosen for Qurbani (sacrifice) should be pure and free from any deformity or [blood](#) wounds on its body. He also said that [price](#) doesn't play a role [as](#) for Qurbani handsome [price](#) are paid for a healthy and large goats.

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