

Historic Tiwa festival underway



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JAGIROAD: Jagiroad, an industrial township in the outskirts of Guwahati breaks into a sea of humanity where the hills people have come down to their plains counterparts to boost the age old bonhomie in the name of the Junbeel Mela which is underway on Friday.

Loaded with the baskets full of ginger, turmeric et al, hundreds of the hills people have reached the venue on Thursday to showcase the historic bartering tradition with those living in the plains who has no dearth of vegetables, fruits, sticky rice and what not.

Hundreds of people from the country and abroad are pouring in the event venue to catch a glimpse of it organized jointly by the [Tiwa](#) Autonomous Council and Assam Tourism [Development](#) Corporation.

The titular king will hold his ceremonial sitting with his [ministers](#) on Saturday. A fair cum exhibition is another striking feature of the annual festival. Cock [fight](#), a traditional game of the [Tiwa](#) people are pulling huge crowd in thr sidelines of the festival which will conclude on Saturday.

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