

## Rongali Bihu celebration in Bahrain



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Rongali Bihu was celebrated in Bahrain with pomp and gaiety on Friday, April 26 at Hotel Ramee International. The celebrations started with serving of Assamese delicacies specially prepared by the ladies at home.

The cultural program was formally inaugurated by Ms Nivedita Dutta. Welcoming the guests, Ms Dutta appreciated the efforts put in by the Luitporia Bahrainis for organizing the cultural show.

The cultural program was launched by recitation of a Ganesh vandana followed by instrumental and dance numbers, performed by Siddhant, Angshuman, Devraj, Jyotishman, Moush Avik and Ziggyash.

Dance by the little fairies namely Tanisha, Snigdha and Enakshi and the bihu dance by little Anushka and Reedhima got the loudest applaud from the crowd.

The highlight of the cultural evening was an *Alakhya* named ***Porikromar Bhaje Bhaje*** which depicted the six seasons of the year through music, dance and dramatics. The music, dance and ambience coupled with the audio-visual show took the alakhya to an entirely different level. It was conceived and conceptualized by Arnab Chaudhury and directed by Ujjwal Sharma.



Melodious numbers by the talented singers namely Manisha Sharma, Saswati Borah, Antara Banikya and Sangita Chaudhury left the audience asking for more. The Bihu dance by Antara Banikya, Mormi Bora, Nibedita Changkakati, Rajlaxmi Borah & Kasturi Bora set the tune for the crowd to join in the group dance which continued till late in the evening.

The accompanying musicians throughout the evening were none other than Ujjwal Sharma, Arnab Chaudhury and master Angshuman without which no show would have been complete. The technical support was provided by Biman Sharma. An impromptu fashion parade depicting traditional dresses by Assamese beauties was an instant hit.

The decoration was carried out by Pankaj Deka, Ankur Bora, and Amitabh Kakoty amongst others who created an ambience of home away from home.

The cultural evening was hosted by Sanjib Changkakati & Ms Pinky Sharma who adapted 'Visit Assam' as the theme of the evening. The audiences were taken to a virtual trip to the Kaziranga National Park and other wild life sanctuaries of Assam. They were also provided with a glimpse of Assam silk, Assam Tea, Assamese proverbs, tongue twisters and the pioneering role of Assam on the oil industry in Asia. The audience comprised of guests from London, Macedonia, Japan and Bangladesh besides guests from various parts of India who took keen interest on Assam with a wish to visit the state in future.



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