

Sea of humanity atop Baukhungri



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Kokrajhar: Baukhungri turned into a sea of people where men and women, young and old alike tried to scale the 'Baukhungri Hills' on the Sankranti, a day before Bwisagu or Bihu celebration across the [state](#) on Saturday.

The sixth Baukhungri festival was concluded with four-day colourful programme scheduled here at Harinaguri, 10km [east](#) of Kokrajhar town along the Baukhungri Hill in Kokrajhar district on Saturday.

The Bodos traditionally celebrate the festival as Baukhungri Hajw Gakhwnai (climbing of Baukhungri Hill) on the last day of Choitra month (April 14) that is Sankranti. The festival gathers its attraction and availing of different enjoyment, apart from adventure sports like paragliding, [indigenous](#) games like khomlainai (Bodo wrestling) and cock-fighting and traditional cuisine from all [over](#) the region, ethnic food festival was organised by Tourism department, BTC on the eve of Bwisagu (Assamese new year).

Nearly lakh of peoples from across the region gathered on the foothills of Baukhungri to trekk the on the day with great enthusiastic mood. Peoples from far and near reached along the Baukhungri Hills that seemed huge gathering on the concluding day of the festival which was a good day at the hills site.

'I am climbing the hills for fifth time and this year scaled the hills by sixty minutes at the top. I offered my worship and prayer lord Shiva for healthy life as well family's, a visitor from Rangia.

BTC executive members Doneswar Goyary and Rajiv Brahma graced the last day of the festival as guests.

They said that the Baukhungri festival is a national festival of Bodoland region, especially on the eve of Bwisagu or Bihu where peoples from all walks of life participates with great enthusiastic moment.

Goyary said, 'The traditional Bodo custom to climb the hill called 'Baukhunguri' on the auspicious day of Sankranti which has been celebrating as a festival every year in a systematic and organised way'. He said that since (time) immemorial, locals have been thronging and

climbing Baukhungri hill near Kokrajhar town in an unorganized manner, but since four years back, it has been organized by BTC Tourism department in well organized. The festival has been exploring tourism field in the region through which tourists are visiting to see natural beauties and scenes.

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