

Sngi Lumlang celebrated at Haflong



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The 'SNGI LUMLANG' festival of Jaintias residing in Dima Hasao District of Assam is celebrated centrally at cultural Hall on Monday with a day long programme.

The Chief Executive Member, Dima Hasao Autonomous Council Sri Debojit Thaosen graced the occasion as the Chief Guest while the Chairman, NESO, Shillong Sri Samuel B. J.Y.R.W.A attended as the guest of honour. They were felicitated with Jaintia traditional scurf and bouquet of flowers.

At the outset, the Chief Guest Sri Debojit Thaosen hoisted the flag in presence of huge gatherings.

This was followed by welcome song, traditional dances by small children and the youths; this was followed by traditional games and sports.

This 'SNGI LUMLANG' is celebrated here with the aim of revival of culture, customs and tradition of the Jaintias after a long gap of seven decades as this had been celebrated till 1936 since they embraced the Christianity and some opined that celebration of such festival was wastage of time. In 1999, Late H. Rupsi had held a meeting of all the Jaintia Gaon Buras of Dima Hasao to discuss on the celebration of this festival but it was not materialized at that time but with the active initiative of Sri Debojeet Thaosen, Chief Executive Member, Moril Masa and others this festival is being celebrated from last year. The Dima Hasao Autonomous Council has also declared holiday on January 7th to celebrate the 'SNGI LUMLANG'.

Peter Sumer, President, Haflong Unit disclosed that 'SNGI LUMLANG' means togetherness, on this day, particularly the Jaintia people of Dima Hasao get the opportunity to meet all and share their views.

Panlus Suchiang, Cultural Secretary said SNGI LUMLANG is an important festival of Jaintias and during which all the Jaintia people of Dima Hasao get the chance to meet each other. He termed the day as red letter day for the Jaintias living in Dima Hasao.

Bamja (Festival Feast) was also arranged during day time and followed by cultural programme in the evening. Miss and Mr SNGI LUMLANG competition and competition of long hair between age group of 15 to 45 was organized during the festival.

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