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Bihu Festival

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Why is in news? Kati Bihbeing observed across Assam

Kati Bihis celebrated in Assam and is one of the three Bihfestivals.

The Kati Bihis also called as **Kangali Bihu**, the festival of the poor (the word "Kongal" means "poor").

Kati or Kongali Bihu, marks a crucial phase of the year for every farming household in terms of the **beginning of the harvest season and the relocation time of rice saplings**.

People of Assam will light lamps outside their homes as well as in paddy fields in the evening **praying for a better crop in the next season**.

People also plant a Tulsi outside their homes and worship Goddess Lakshmi.

Kati Bihfestival is also celebrated in **Bengal, Manipur, Mithila, Orissa, Punjab, Tamil Nadand Kerala though called by various names**.

Different Types of Bihu:

There are three different types of Bihfestivals namely **Bohag Bihu, Kati Bihand Bhogali Bihu**.

Bohag Bihu: It is also known as **Rongali Bihu**The most popular Bihcelebrates the beginning of the Assamese New Year and the arriving of spring. The Bohag Bihis celebrated in middle of April monthBohag Bihmarks the first day of the Hindsolar calendarThe folk songs related with the Bohag Bihare known as Bihugeets or Bihsongs.

Bhogali Bihu: Bhogali Bihis also known as **Magh Bihu**. It is originated from the word 'Bhog' that is eating and enjoyment. It celebrated in Mid-JanuaryIt is a **harvest festival**. It signs the end of harvesting season. During this season, there is a lot of feasting and eating, as the granaries are full.

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