



Magha Puja

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The Buddhists celebrate the Magha Puja with a lot of pomp. It is a very significant festival to the Buddhist community. Especially the festival honours the Sangha and Buddhist community. The Sangh plays an important role in embodies the tradition, culture and the rules of Buddhist life and protects the principles of Dhamma. On the day of Magha Puja, the devotees meet jointly and read the teachings of Lord Buddha. Later they discuss the theme of the of Dhammapada. In the middle of the discussion, the senior devotees or monks deliver their speeches about the importance of Dhammapada and Sangh. Everyone wants to lead their lives in the service of Lord Buddha. Later these discussions, the devotees exchange the gifts among them and lighting the oil lamps.