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It is a 3 days festival of folk dance, traditional practices, animal sacrifice and feasting. Beside they also worship indigenous spirits, both benevolent and malevolent, and celebrate their indigenous Non-Buddhist festivals simultaneously. Among them, the main tribes are Adis, Apatanis, Buguns, Hrusos, Singphos, Mishmis, Monpas, Nyishis, Sherdukpens, Tagins, Khamtis, Wanchos, Noctes, Yobin, Khambas and Membas.

Khamti people

Some of the chants and treatments are derived from the Buddhist scripture, Tripitaka. In Assam, Tai Khamti is one of the smaller indigenous communities with a population of only 60,000.

Khamti people

The main attraction of the festival is splashing clean water, which is the symbol of peace and purity.

Ramayana in North

A decorative miniature multi-tier spire, locally known as a thee or thi, is placed on the main roof of the prayer hall; it does not serve any utilitarian purpose but marks the structure as a sacred space; this ornamental crown is also widely seen on the temples of Burma and is known as hti that translates to an umbrella.

A GLIMPSE INTO THE TRADITIONAL HEALING PRACTICES OF THE TAI KHAMTI COMMUNITY

Another treatment of fever with cold involves consuming juice from the leaves of Spearmint Gos Poduna in Assamese which is mixed with water and, also applying a paste made by crushing aloe vera leaves to the forehead of the patient. The traditional costume of Miji women consists of an ankle-length white garment with a beautifully decorated red jacket.

Arunachal Pradesh Tribes : Nocte

At present in most of the Singpho villages, one can notice a monastery and people celebrate a number of Buddhist festivals.

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