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To,
The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam
Government of Assam, Lok Bhawan, Dispur
Guwahati – 781006, Email: cm@assam.gov.in

Sub: Prayer for Official Celebration of Teej Festival under the Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Assam

Respected Sir,

At the outset, we express our profound gratitude to your esteemed leadership for taking the historic and visionary step during your first tenure as Chief Minister in recognizing the Gorkha community as an indigenous community of Assam. This landmark decision has instilled a deep sense of belonging, dignity, and pride among the Nepali-speaking people of the State, for which the entire community remains indebted to you.

In this spirit of inclusiveness and cultural recognition, we, on behalf of the Nepali Bhasha Sanskriti Manch, Assam, most respectfully submit that **Teej (Haritalika Teej)** is one of the most significant cultural and religious festivals of the Gorkha community, particularly celebrated by women. Observed on the Tithiya Tithi of the lunar month of Bhadra (August–September), the festival embodies devotion, family values, women's solidarity, cultural continuity, and the preservation of a rich traditional heritage.

The Gorkha community has been an integral part of Assam's socio-cultural fabric for generations and has contributed immensely to the State's development, security, agriculture, education, and cultural diversity. Teej is celebrated across Assam with great enthusiasm through traditional songs, dances, rituals, fasting, and community gatherings. The festival serves as a vibrant platform for preserving traditional knowledge, strengthening family and community bonds, and promoting harmony among diverse sections of society.

The Government of Assam has consistently promoted and preserved the cultural traditions of its diverse communities. In keeping with this noble tradition, we humbly request the Government of Assam to consider the official celebration of Teej under the aegis of the Department of Cultural Affairs. Such recognition would not only honour the cultural sentiments and aspirations of the Nepali-speaking community but would also further enrich Assam's vibrant multicultural heritage.

In this connection, we would like to inform you that a consultative discourse on the celebration and preservation of Teej was organized at Kalakshetra, Guwahati, on 21 June 2026, with the participation of representatives from ten local Teej Celebration Committees, eminent cultural experts, distinguished dignitaries, and other prominent stakeholders (vide link- <https://www.facebook.com/reel/2083670362574147>)

After detailed deliberations, the participants unanimously resolved that Teej, being an important cultural festival of the Nepali-speaking community, deserves official recognition and celebration under the aegis of the Government of Assam. The gathering

strongly felt that such recognition would contribute significantly to the preservation, promotion, and dignified observance of the festival while strengthening Assam's composite cultural identity.

As Teej will be observed on **14 September 2026** this year, it is imperative that the necessary planning and preparatory measures be initiated at the earliest. Timely action, coupled with consultations with cultural experts, community representatives, and other stakeholders, would help ensure the successful, dignified, and meaningful celebration of the festival throughout the State.

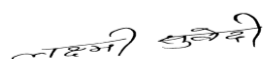
Official celebration of Teej by the Government would not only honour the cultural identity of the Gorkha community but would also strengthen communal harmony, encourage cultural exchange, and reinforce Assam's cherished ideals of "**Unity in Diversity**." It would further demonstrate the Government's commitment to safeguarding and promoting the rich cultural traditions of all indigenous and ethnic communities of the State.

We, therefore, earnestly request your esteemed office to kindly initiate appropriate measures for the inclusion and official celebration of Teej under the Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Assam.

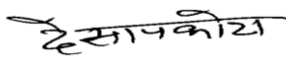
In this regard, we also assure the Government that, should any guidelines, modalities, cultural documentation, or consultative support be required, the Nepali Bhasha Sanskriti Manch, Assam, shall be honoured to extend its full cooperation and assistance to the concerned department.

We remain ever grateful for your kind consideration and are confident that this historic initiative will be warmly welcomed and remembered with deep appreciation by the Gorkha community and all well-wishers of Assam's composite culture for generations to come.

With highest regards,



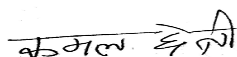
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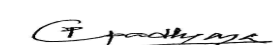
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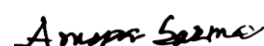
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