



Assam's Traditional Buffalo and Bulbul Fights

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The Assam government's efforts to revive **traditional buffalo and bulbul (songbird) fights** during **Magh Bihu** festival face legal challenges from **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)**, who filed petitions in the Gauhati High Court to prohibit both these practices.

- These fights, part of the folk culture linked to the **Assamese winter harvest festival, Magh Bihu**, were stopped following a 2014 Supreme Court ruling on [animal cruelty](#).
- However, in 2023, the Supreme Court allowed **amendments to the [Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act](#)**, leading to the revival of such events.
 - A recent controversy over a buffalo fight scheduled outside the designated period has prompted legal intervention.
- This issue highlights the tension between preserving cultural heritage and addressing ethical concerns in modern society.

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