

**PROGRAM at CARREFOUR DES PLANES, 3850 Hillsdale St, Regina  
on Saturday, May 07 2016**

**Introduction/Greetings/Cultural Program**

6:15 PM: Welcome Address by Dr. C. Talukdar, Pediatrician  
6:20 PM: Greetings from the Distinguished Guests  
6:45 PM: Cultural Program begins  
7:30 PM: Dinner will be served  
10:00 PM: Cultural Program ends/Vote of Thanks by Dr.C.Talukdar



***Biju Festival being celebrated by the Chakmas***



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**HAPPY BIJU/THINGYAN FESTIVAL 2016  
CANADA**



Organized by:

**"BIJU/THINGYAN FESTIVAL 2016 CELEBRATION COMMITTEE IN REGINA"**

We (the Chakmas from Bangladesh and the members of the peoples of Myanmar) are the immigrants in Canada and living in Regina. Like last year, we have again jointly embarked on our modest venture to belatedly celebrate **Biju/Thingyan** festival this year. We say 'belatedly' because we are celebrating this great occasion three weeks after its usual schedule of celebration.

"Happy Biju! Happy Thingyan!" to you all.

**What is this celebration all about?**

**Biju** is a 3-day-long festival (13 - 15 April) celebrated by the Chakmas, an indigenous group of people in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, on the last two days of Chaitra (the last month of the Bengali calendar) and the first day of Boishaki (Bengali New Year's Day).



Other indigenous groups in this region also celebrate it but they call it differently. It is the grandest carnival of all the indigenous peoples in the region.



A 4-day-long (usually 13 - 16 April) **Thingyan, Myanmar's Water Festival**, also takes place toward the end of the hot, dry season and it ushers in the Myanmar New Year with great pomp and gaiety.



This festival is also celebrated in India and the other neighboring Theravada Buddhist countries. In Assam in India, it is called Bihu, in Thailand and Laos Songkran, and in Cambodia it is Chaul Chnam Thmey.

**What is the significance of Biju/Thingyan?**

The festival reflects its own religious or cultural significance and it is believed to possess the power to rinse all bad luck, sins and evil deeds of the past year. It is considered as a method of cleansing before entering into the new year.

**Where will this celebration take place?**

At **CARREFOUR DES PLANES**.

**When will it take place and what will the Program include?**

You may find the details about the Program overleaf.

**“BIJU/THINGYAN 2016 CELEBRATION COMMITTEE”**

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“The Chakma and the Myanmar Immigrant Communities in Regina”  
request the pleasure of the company of Mr. & Mrs. ....

..... at the

*“Biju/Thingyan Cultural Program 2016”*

SATURDAY, May 07, 2016

06:00PM – 10.30 PM

Carrefour Des Planes  
3850 Hillsdale St., Regina

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