

# Khilonjia Identity of Axomiya Musalmans of Assam

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## ABSTRACT

The term 'Assamese Muslim' or 'Axomiya Musalman' suggests a specific community that is trying to create an equilibrium between its linguistic, ethnic and religious identities. Assamese Muslims also known as Tholuwa Mussalman, Axomiya Mussalman or Khilonjia Musalman in the local language, are well assimilated into the Assamese society and are integrated with the Assamese identity and nationality on the basis of language i.e. Axomiya. The identity of the Axomiya Musalmans is greatly influenced by the Axomiya folk culture, which can be seen in the many points of similarities, they have, in their socio-cultural identity with that of the Assamese Hindus. The presentation aimed at looking into the multi-layered identity of the Assamese Muslim community in Assam and the Brahmaputra valley in particular.

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