

Behdienkhlam Festival In Meghalaya, India



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Caption
People from the Pnar community attend the Behdienkhlam festival in Jowai, India, on July 14, 2025. Behdienkhlam is a vibrant annual festival celebrated by the Pnar (Jaintia) community of Meghalaya, especially in Jowai, to drive away plague and diseases and to pray for a good harvest. Observed in July after the sowing season, it features traditional rituals, offerings to ancestral spirits, and the grand procession of beautifully decorated bamboo structures called "rots," which are later immersed in a sacred muddy pool known as Ka Aitnar. (Photo by David Talukdar/NurPhoto)
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