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## Celebrating Cultures

Today is the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. It is not common knowledge that Bangladesh is home to about 35 ethnic communites, roughly consisting of 2.5 million people — 1.5 percent of the population.





They boast a culture rooted in traditions and rites that go back generations. From the colourful attires they weave in their looms, the ethnic jewellery the women wear, to the delectable dishes that are served as their meals – they collectively add colour to our national identity in more ways than one.

This week, Star Lifestyle focuses on some of the smaller aspects of the larger lives they lead, exploring the varied cuisines and the colourful garments that make these communities such an integral part of our culture.

