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Development of Saktism from the Tungkhungia Dynasty and its Consequences

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The advent of the Ahoms to the Brahmaputra valley is highly significant in the history of Medieval Assam. The Ahoms had their own religious beliefs, customs and conventions, which were basically different from the religion and beliefs of the local tribes. Dr. Chandradhar Samua writes that the original Ahom religion was a mixture of animism, Taoism, confuciousism and Buddhism. They were not the worshiper of any image. Their 'Somdeo' is a image of their ancestors, it was regarded as a valuable ornaments, but not as worshipping deity. There are various stories regarding the beliefs and religious festivals of the Tai Ahoms. They claimed themselves as the descendants of Lengdon which was identified as Lord Indra.¹ But, in case of religion, the Ahoms and the Ahom kings were not orthodox. King, Sukapha the founder of Ahom Kingdom in the Brahmaputra valley had foresight and capacity to assimilate with the culture and religion of the local tribes. They did