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## Scientific ways to battle the summer heat wave this season



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With Poila Boishakh around the corner, the sunny sides have left the common man struggling with the increasing heat. An individual needs to adapt both a healthy diet and comfortable dressing to the weather to combat the ill effects of the weather. These are:

## Wearing the right attire

Synthetic or natural fibre? What to choose? While synthetic fibres include Nylon, Terylene, Polyester, and others while natural fibres include Cotton, Tussar, Garad and Silk. Airflow through the fabric is challenging in synthetic fabrics while for cotton clothes, it is easier owing to the hundreds and thousands of pores in them. Mixing high-grade synthetic fibres with cotton or wool, variants like Teri-cotton or Teri-wool are created but neither are suitable for wearing during summer. Hence, it is best to wear all-natural cotton fibres for every-

## Role of water in human physiology

Since the increasing heat during summer causes excessive sweating, our demand for water increases. Sweating is crucial to the heat regulation of the human body. Water consumes 537 calories of heat to turn into steam.

When it is absorbed into the atmosphere, our body temperature drops. But owing to the heat in summer, this drying becomes slower and hence causes the issues of increased humidity. While the human brain tries to regulate temperature through the hypothalamus, this becomes increasingly challenging with high humidity in the air and sweating increas-

es. But when the surface temperature of the body crosses a threshold, the sweating stops and the body suffers from a heat stroke.

Extreme heat can be dangerous and even life threatening. Apart for heat related complications, cardiovascular and breathing should be monitored and suitable health related advice should be taken without fail.

