Name of the Element: 'Shakrain'/'Paush Shankranti' Name of Inventory: Test Inventory (T1) Serial No: D3-00007

## **Brief Description**

Shakrain festival also known as Paush Shankranti. Shakrain is all about sharing the joy of flying kites in the Poush air, and enjoying the delightful tastes of winter pithas with near and dear ones. The festival began in the morning with colourful kites from the rooftops in the older part of town. The history of Shakrain signifies much more than kite flying. Shakrain takes place on the last day of Poush. According to the solar calendar, on the last day of the Bengali month – 'Poush', the sun moves towards its southward (Dakshinayana) journey at the Tropic of Capricorn and starts moving towards the Tropic of Cancer. This festival found its roots from the Mughal background and became popular in the subcontinent where the solar system highly influenced the agricultural productivity of that time.

Region: Old Dhaka City, Bangladesh.

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