

# Thingyan



*Thingyan* is the Buddhist new year and celebrated by Karen people and throughout Burma.

Thingyan commemorates the passing of the Buddha into nirvana, but it is better known for the throwing of water and is often called "the Water Festival".

As well as throwing buckets of water at friends and passers by, *Thingyan* is a time when people visit Buddhist monasteries and share meals with friends and relatives.