

# **Recent programmes organised by various district and branch units of Asam Sahitya Sabha at different places of the state**

## **SIVASAGAR DISTRICT**

### **Discussion on language-culture of Sonowal community**

**August 2, 2020:** Tribal Language and Culture Development Sub-committee of Sivasagar Jila Sahitya Sabha in collaboration with Library and Information Science Professionals' Association of Assam (LISPA) organised a webinar on "Language and Culture of Sonowal Community : An Overview" with retired assistant commissioner Shri Raju Sonowal delivering the key note address. District secretary Santosh Dutta gave the welcome address and the working president of the sub-committee Sanjay Das was the anchore. The technical part of the webinar was well taken care of by Abhijit Borpujary of LIPSA and the vote of thanks was proposed by the sub-committee convenor Utpal Sonowal.

### **Celebration of Independence Day**

**August 15, 2020:** On the occasion of celebration of 74th Independence Day, Sivasagar Jila Sahitya Sabha through its facebook page presented a video documentary on the life and works of Mahatma Gandhi which was written by the district vice president Dr Prashanta Kumar Chutia. The background narration was by Deepanwita Bora and Prashanta Borgohain edited the docuemntary.

On the same day, Rupahi Sahitya Sabha organised a programme of felicitation to 150 successful high and higher secondary pass out students of the nine villages of the greater Rupahi area. The programme was inaugurated by the district secretary Santosh Dutta. A same sort of programme was also held simultaneously at Hatikhok village nearby. The office bearers of the Rupahi Sahitya Sabha present at the both the programmes were: its president Dr Dibya Kumar Rajkhowa, secretary Anjali Phukan Dihingiya, Purabi Dihingiya, Pranjit Saikia, Naziullah Hazarika, Dr Jadumoni Bora, Boby Barua, Kalpana Gohain Gogoi, Minu Rajkhowa, Dibakar Tamuly, Atikur Rahman, Fiznur Ali, Imdad Ullah and others.

In the evening that day, Sivasagar Jila Sahitya Sabha organised the programme of lighting the lamp in front of five life-size statues of five great sons of Assam at the Lakshminath Bezbarua Children Park. A host of dignitaries present on the occasion includes writer Mukul Nath, Uzzwal Kumar Thakur, Ratnamoni Sarma, Bina Barua, Sanjay Das of Rongpur Sahitya Sabha, district assistant secretary Manoj Kumar Gogoi, mother language implementation sub-committee convenor Prashanta Borgohain.

## **KARBI ANGLONG DISTRICT**

### **Nirupama Hagzer remembered**

**July 11, 2020:** Rich tribute was paid to Late Nirupama Hagzer, one of the great Assamese writers, at a function held at Rangina Bhawan, the Diphu Regional Office building of Asam Sahitya Sabha. A lamp was lit and floral tribute was paid in front of the portrait of Nirupama Hagzer. District body member Geeta Bora, Little Magazine and Educational Competition Sub-committee convenor Dr Brahmananda Bora, Diphu Sahitya Sabha member Bhagirath Deka and others were present there.

### **K K Handique Memorial Day**

**July 20, 2020:** 123rd Birth Anniverary of Pt. Krishna Kanta Handique, the founder Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University and former president of Asam Sahitya Sabha, was observed at a solemn function held at Rangina Bhawan, the Diphu Regional Office building of Asam Sahitya Sabha. The secreatry of the Diphu Regional Office Joysing Tokbi garlanded the portrait of K K Handique and former Asam Sahitya Sabha assistant secretary Pari Rongpi lit the tribute lamp in front of the portrait. Diphu Sahitya Sabha president Ajit Singner delivered the key note address on the life and works of Pt K K Handique. A number of dignitaries, namely, Little Magazine and Educational Competition Sub-committee convenor Dr Brahmananda Bora, former Asam Sahitya Sabha assistant secretary Deben Kakati, Diphu Sahitya Sabha secretary Prafulla Mahanta and its member Bhagirath Deka and others were present on the occasion.

### **Tribal Welfare Research Institure Sub-committee meeting**

**September 3, 2020:** The first meeting of the Tribal Welfare Research Institute Sub-committee of Asam Sahitya Sabha was held at Rangina Bhawan with Assam University Diphu Campus Assamese Department's professor Dr Kusambar Barua in the chair. The Research Officer of the institute Dr Manalisa Rongpi spoke at length about the various schemes and programmes taken up by the institute. She informed the members present at the meeting that the first programme will be to organise a webinar and then to publish a journal comprising the research papers collected by former Research Officer Late Bhaskarjyoti Goswami before his untimely demise. The sub-committee members Deben Kakati, Atanu Dey and Karan Hanchepi also spoke on the occasion.

## **DHUBRI DISTRICT**

### **Tribute to Bharat Ratna Gopinath Bordoloi and Mohim Bora**

**August 5, 2020:** In an on-line programme organised by Dhubri Jila Sahitya Sabha, rich tribute was paid to Bharat Ratna and the first Prime Minister of Assam Gopinath Bordoloi and one of the greatest Assamese short story writers and former Asam Sahitya Sabha president Mohim Bora. Anchored by district secretary Azad Ali Ahmed, the meeting began with the welcome address by the district president Taranikanta Roy. Asam Sahitya Sabha Patrika editor Dr Upendrajit Sarma delivered the key note address on the life and works of both the much illustrious personalities. Mihirkanta Das was present at the programme as another guest speaker. A few other noted persons present on the occasion were Asam Sahitya Sabha's Dhubri Regional Secretary Rajanikanta Deka, Phalimari Shakha Sahitya Sabha president Azijul Haque, Asharikandi Shakha Sahitya Sabha president Sahidur Rahman and others. Popular folk singer Bholanath Roy presented a series of folk songs in between the speeches.

## **UDALGURI DISTRICT**

### **Effort to raise district trust fund**

**September 11, 2020:** A public meeting was organised by Udalguri Jila Sahitya Sabha in association with Rowta Shakha Sahitya Sabha with the sole agenda to raise the strength of the 'Jila Nyas Punji' (District Trust Fund) which was formed in 2018. In total, an amount of Rs 45,000/- was collected from the common people present at the meeting and, moreover, the organisers became able to procure commitment of Rs 2.00 lakh from the cross section of donors attending the meeting. It may be mentioned here that in the entire public meeting the state government imposed Covid-19 restrictions were strictly followed.

## **GOALPARA DISTRICT**

### **Effort to raise district trust fund**

**August 13, 2020:** In a webinar organised by Goalpara Jila Sahitya Sabha, a thorough discussion on the book publication schemes of the Jila Sahitya Sabha was carried out. The books which are planned to be brought out by the Jila Sahitya Sabha in the near future are three compilations of the 'Ajeevan Sabhya', 'Hitoishi Sabhya' and 'Param Hitoishi Sabhya' of the district. Moreover, three other books -- one on the history of the Jila Sahitya Sabha, one on the life and works of the former presidents-secretaries of the district and one on the cultural history of the various ethno-linguistic communities of the district -- are also being planned to be published by the Jila Sahitya Sabha and discussion was held in this connection too.

## MAJULI DISTRICT

### **Flood situation reviewed**

**July 14, 2020:** In response to the appeal by the general secretary, Asam Sahitya Sabha, a delegation led by Majuli Jila Sahitya Sabha's newly elected secretary Manojyoti Regon visited a few flood-affected areas of Majuli and met the ill-fated people there. The delegation reviewed the flood situation in those areas and also took an account of the flood relief materials offered to the flood-affected people by the district administration. The delegation further conducted a series of flood awareness programmes among the people and also in the flood relief camps.

## KAMRUP (METRO) DISTRICT

### **Tribute to Navakanta Barua, Dr Satyendranath Sarma, Dr Bhabendranath Saikia, Chandraprasad Saikia**

**July 13, 2020:** Under the auspices of Kamrup Mahanagar Jila Sahitya Sabha, rich tribute was paid to eminent short story writer, playwright, novelist and National Award winning film-maker Dr Bhabendranath Saikia on the occasion of his death anniversary. Prior to this, another tribute programme of Kamrup Mahanagar Jila Sahitya Sabha organised in association with Chandmari Shakha Sahitya Sabha on July 14 in which legendary poet, writer and former President of Asam Sahitya Sabha, Navakanta Barua was fondly remembered. On August 8, Kamrup Mahanagar Jila Sahitya Sabha in association with Rajdhani Shakha Sahitya Sabha paid rich tribute to noted writer-journalist and former President of Asam Sahitya Sabha Chandraprasad Saikia. And, last but not the least, on August 11, scholar emeritus and former President of Asam Sahitya Sabha, Dr Satyendranath Sarma was remembered with high tribute and respect by Kamrup Mahanagar Jila Sahitya Sabha in another programme.

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### GOLAGHAT DISTRICT

#### Executive by meeting held

**October 11, 2020:** The full-fledged executive body meeting of the Golaghat Zila Sahitya Sabha was held at district office in Syed Abdul Malik Bhwan. Presided over by the district president Pabitra Borbora, the meeting began with paying tribute to the former district body president Ponaram Barua and some other live members of Asam Sahitya Sabha who breathed their last recently. It was followed by discussion on various topics as explained by district secretary Bonti Bora in the purpose of the meeting. Of these, mention may be made of discussion on the book publishing scheme during the year 2020-22, about the recent activities of the district body, about organising tribute function of Late Ponaram Barua and about the recently-concluded annual conference of the Golaghat Zila Sahitya Sabha which was organised by Dergaon Sakha Sahitya Sabha.

The meeting ended with adoption of a few resolutions which include hailing the president, secretary and other office bearers of the Dergaon Sakha Sahitya Sabha for organising the annual conference of the Golaghat Zila Sahitya Sabha so smoothly, to organise tribute function of Late Ponaram Barua in a befitting manner, to open as soon as possible the Aideu Handique Museum and Memorial constructed at Kamargaon, to publish a few selected books during the year 2020-22, to publish a felicitation book of noted writer-scholar-linguist Dr Dipti Phukan Patgiri and to intensify the life membership enrolment drive.

### CHARAIDEU DISTRICT

#### Seminar on 'Women in Biyaa Naam'

**October 11, 2020:** 'Akash' sub committee of the Charaideu Zila Sahitya Sabha organised an online seminar on the topic 'Women in Biyaa Naam' which was attended by Ratiprabha Gogoi, the principal of Sonari College as the chief guest. Inaugurating the seminar, Asam Sahitya Sabha vice president Smti Mrinalini Devi, besides her speech, also presented a couple of *Biyaa Naam*. Anchored by district convenor of 'Akash' Indira Phukan, the online seminar was marked by presentation of *Biyaa Naam* by a batch of ladies, such as, Bonti Gogoi Haobora, Swapna Kalita, Phulmai Bora, Sashi Hazarika, Madhuchanda Saikia and others. Asam Sahitya Sabha general secretary Jadav Chandra Sharma was present on the occasion as distinguished guest. District secretary Dr Raghunath Kagyung delivered the welcome address and Alpana Barua proposed vote of thanks.

### MAJULI DISTRICT

#### Pitambar Dev Goswami remembered

**October 20, 2020:** Rich tribute was paid to noted freedom fighter, social reformer, scholar per excellence and former Satradhikar Late Pitambar Dev Goswami at a function held on the occasion of his memorial day. The function began with Majuli District Sahitya Sabha president Ranjit Kumar Bhuyan hoisting the Sabha flag at the premises of the Garmur Press Club which was followed by district vice-president lighting the lamp in front of the portrait of Late Pitambar Dev Goswami.

The main tribute meeting held at the Garmur Press Club hall began with presentation of Sabha's opening song '*Chira Chenehi Mor Bhasha Janani...*' by the artists of Srimanta Sankardev Kristi Sangha under the leadership of Diganta Dutta. Presided over by district president Shri Bhuyan, the meeting was inaugurated by Rongasahi College principal Dr Naba Kumar Gaam. Appointed speaker of the meeting, Majuli College principal Dr Devajit Saikia ceremonially released a book authored by academician, retired teacher Rabin Sarma. A batch of serious thinkers, namely, former district sabha president Prabhat Bora Burhabhakat, Pitambar Dev Goswami Junior College principal Gunamoni Nath, former Majuli Journalists' Union president Arun Bora, Garmur Sakha Sahitya Sabha president Bhupen Dutta, Pitambar Dev Goswami HS School principal Kumud Goswami and academician Renumala Dutta spoke on the occasion while highlighting various aspects of life and works of Late Pitambar Dev Goswami. Besides these, former district sabha secretary Ramesh Chandra Saharia, Kajal Dutta, Mahim Chandra Nath, Bibek Dutta, Pradip Borthakur, Pranati Hazarika, Bhabananda Hazarika, Jitu Paban Bez, Jayanta Regan and others were also present at the meeting which was anchored by district sabha secretary Manajyoti Regan.

## KAMRUP MAHANAGAR DISTRICT

### Karnadhar Samity meeting held

**October 21, 2020:** Maintaining the norms introduced by the government to stop spreading of Covid-19 virus, a Karnadhar Samity meeting of the Kamrup Mahanagar Zila Sahitya Sabha, presided over by its president Daso Kalita, was held at the Singhapurush Radhagobinda Barua Round Table Conference Hall in Asam Sahitya Sabha's Guwahati Administrative Office. Anchored by the district secretary Dimbeshwar Pathak, the meeting approved various sub-committees and also resolved to recommend to the sabha's central committee for recognition of three newly-formed sakha sabhas. These are: Brihattar Fatasil-Ambari Sakha Sahitya Sabha, Ramdhenu Sakha Sahitya Sabha (Ambari) and Sahityarathi Sakha Sahitya Sabha (Batahghuli). Of the resolutions adopted in the meeting, mention may be made of to hold the district body's special annual conference in forthcoming January, to nominate Hiralal Bora and Kishor Kumar Jain as the editors respectively of the district body's *Patrika* and *Barta*.

It was followed by district president Shri Kalita, secretary Shri Pathak and a few other district body officials' intimate sessions with the members of 'Akash', 'Ramdhenu' and 'Kuhi' sub-committees. All three sub-committees were entrusted with the responsibility to bring out one journal each on the occasion of forthcoming special annual conference. The sub-committees members were also requested to organise their respective programmes provided the Corona-hit situation in the state improves. District body's vice president Mahidhar Deka put forward some important suggestions regarding the job responsibility of the all three sub-committees.

## SIVASAGAR DISTRICT

### Imran Shah's translation book released

**November 3, 2020:** Asam Sahitya Sabha's past president and distinguished writer Prof. Imran Shah's translation book '*Court Clown*' was ceremonially released at a solemn function organised by Rongpur Sakha Sahitya Sabha under the aegis of Sivasagar Zila Sahitya Sabha. Presided over by district body's president Joga Gogoi, the meeting, which was held at the Rongpur Sakha Sahitya Sabha Bhawan, saw internationally acclaimed sports personality Arjun Bhogeshwar Barua releasing the book in the presence of a host of dignitaries including Asam Sahitya Sabha's general secretary Jadav Chandra Sharma (guest of honour), writers Dipali Bhattacharyya, Janam Khanikar and others. The book is an Assamese translation of famous writer John F Carson's much-acclaimed novel of the same name in which the life of a basketball player has been passionately dealt with. It may be mentioned here that translator Prof Imran Shah could not be present at the meeting due to his ill health. District body's secretary Santosh Dutta was the moderator of the meeting.

## LAKHIMPUR DISTRICT

### **Regional office's Awarakhan Samity meeting held**

**November 8, 2020:** The first-ever meeting of the Asam Sahitya Sabha's North Lakhimpur Regional Office Awarakhan Samity was held at the office building with the Sabha's former vice president Dr Hemanta Kumar Barua in the chair. Anchored by the Sabha's North Lakhimpur regional secretary Indramoni Rajkumar, the meeting was also attended by the Sabha's general secretary Jadav Chandra Sharma noted poet Hridayranjan Das as the chief guest and the guest of honour respectively.

A number of significant matters, such as, to improvise the basic infrastructure of the North Lakhimpur Regional Office, to intensify the life membership enrolment drive and to strengthen the age-old bond of friendship, fraternity and brotherhood among the people of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. The meeting also advised the regional secretary to prepare the draft of a series of programmes in this regard.

The meeting was also attended by North Lakhimpur Sakha Sahitya Sabha's secretary and vice president, Tilak Deka and Dipak Hazarika respectively, and a few noted persons, namely, Chiranjiv Barua, Sailen Kakati and others.

## NALBARI DISTRICT

### **Tribute to Dr Bhupen Hazarika**

**September 8, 2020:** Internationally-acclaimed music icon and Asam Sahitya Sabha's past president Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika was offered warm and rich tribute on the occasion of his 94th birth anniversary at a meeting organised by Nalbari Zila Sahitya Sabha at Troilokyanath Goswami Memorial Library Hall in the premises of the Zila Sahitya Sabha office situated in Subhadra Choudhury Bhawan. Sabha's executive member Dr Bipin Chandra Kalita lit the lamp in front of the portrait of 'Sudhakantha' and the district president Dhrubajyoti Sarma, in his keynote address spoke at length on the eventful life and awesome works of one of the country's all time music genius Dr Bhupen Hazarika.

Anchored by the district secretary Pankaj Bezbarua, the function was widely attended by a number of eminent denizens of Nalbari township.

### **Trilochan Goswami memorial mutli-lingual poetry session**

**September 11, 2020:** Nalbari Zila Sahitya Sabha, like the several earlier years this year too, organised the Trilochan Goswami memorial multi-lingual poetry session with the district president Dhrubajyoti Sarma in the chair. Inaugurated by Bhawanipur Regional College principal and the Sabha's 'Hitoishi Sabhya' Dr Mukunda Sharma, the event was attended by noted dramatist Avtar Singh, Sabha's executive member Dr Bipin Chandra Kalita and Mahendra Narayan Choudhury Girls' College principal Dr Krishnakanta Goud as the guests of honour. District vice president Atulchandra Sarma was the moderator of the poetry session in which a batch of poets from different parts of the state read out their poetic creations. These include Sarat Chandra Bore, Ajit Rajbongshi, Shankar Sarma, Kankan Sarma, Bhubaneshwar Baishya, Pankaj Pratim Sarma, Gajen Goswami, Mridusmita Barua Medhi, Banashree Choudhury, Sewali Kakati, Mamoni Deka, Ruprekha Goswami, Kamal Lochan Goswami, Kaushik, Bhradwaj, Ajizur Rahman, Dr Manju Haloi, Kabita Deka Talukdar, Jesmin Begum, Dilip Kumar Bhattacharyya, Jintumoni Sarma, Pranab Kharjara, Ramkrishna Sutradhar, Nivedita Dimple, Binapani Pathak, Shah Alam Ahmed, Narendranath Talukdar, Parul Goswami,

Nivedita Hazarika, Pratap Debnath and others. District poetry session sub-committee working president Manju Haloi presented critical views on the poems presented by the said poets.

Apprising the poets, guests and audience of the aims and objectives of the multi-lingual poetry session, the district secretary Pankaj Bezbarua said that since 1995, the Nalbari Zila Sahitya Sabha has been organising such poetry session featuring Assamese, Bodo, Nepali, Hindi, English and Bangla poets in memory of promsing poet, Nalbari College magazine editor Trilochan Goswami who died in a fatal road mishap on September 11 that year.

The proceedings began with presentation of '*Chira Chenehi Mor Bhasa Janani...*' which was followed by paying tribute to Sarat Chandra Goswami, the founder secretary of Asam Sahitya Sabha, and noted academician Mahendra Narayan Choudhury by Kamarkuch Sakha Sahitya Sabha secretary Syed Baharul Hussain and district president Dhrubajyoti Sarma respectively. In front of the portrait of Late Trilochan Goswami, lamp was lit by his sister Ruprekha Goswami, brother Kamal Lochan Goswami and relative Jon Sarma. Raghunath Choudhury Sakha Sahitya Sabha vice president also paid tribute to Late Goswami. The session ended with presentation of *Asom Sangeet 'O Mor Aponaar Desh...'*.

### **Maheshwar Neog remembered**

**September 13, 2020:** Asam Sahitya Sabha's former president and '*Sadashya Mohiyaan*', scholar per excellence, Dr Maheshwar Neog was paid rich tribute on the occasion of his meorial day held at Nalbari Zila Sahitya Sabha Office in Subhadra Choudhury Bhawan in Nalbari. Organised by Nalbari Zila Sahitya Sabha at the 'Nandantatwick' Sarat Chandra Goswami Library with district president Dhrubajyoti Sarma in the chair who began the programme by lighting the lamp in front of the portrait of the noted Indologist Dr Neog. In his speech, Shri Sarma remarked that Dr Neog happened to be the most outstanding Assamese writer after Lakshminath Bezbaroa. Paying tribute to Dr Neog, the district vice president Atul Chandra Sarma also said in brief on the life and works of the literature icon. The meeting was conducted by the district secretary Pankaj Bezbarua who mentioned the names of district organising secretary Joychandra Sarma and member Zalal Ali for the active role in organising the programme.

### **Jagara Sakha Sahitya Sabha reconstituted**

**September 20, 2020:** Nalbari Zila Sahitya Sabha's affiliated unit Jagara Sakha Sahitya Sabha, which has been observed inactive since some years, was reconstituted recently at a meeting held in Jagara High School. Presided over by the Sakha president Nagen Deka, the meeting was attended by Sabha central executive body member Dr Bipin Chandra Kalita, district president, vice president and secretary, Dhrubajyoti Sarma, Atul Chandra Sarma and Pankaj Bezbarua respectively. After a series of wide-range discussion, the Sakha committee was re-constituted with Kamalakanta Deka and Rabin Deka being nominated as the president and secretary respectively.

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