

## Sabha's executive committee meeting held



(Left) Sabha President Dr Kuladhar Saikia, Karbi Anglong Autonomous District Council Chief Executive Member Shri Tuliram Ronghang and others being greeting by the reception committee members and (right) Sabha General Secretary Jadab Chandra Sharma addressing the executive committee meeting.

The third full-fledged executive committee meeting of Asam Sahitya Sabha was held at Bokoliyaghat in Karbi Anglong district on October 3, 2021, with president Dr Kuladhar Saikia in the chair. The meeting was inaugurated by Padmashree Rong Bong Terang, former president of Asam Sahitya Sabha. In his inaugural speech Padmashree Terang highlighted the significance of the role of the executive committee in smooth and effective functioning of the Sabha. Local MLA Bidyasing Inglang delivered the welcome speech. Karbi Anglong Autonomous District Council chief executive member Tuliram Ronghang was present on the occasion as the Guest of Honour and he ceremonially released the 'Tribal Society and Culture' issue of the *Asam Sahitya Sabha Patrika*. The issue of the *Patrika* on 'Theatre Culture' was released by Padmashree Terang.

The main proceedings began with general secretary Jadab Chandra Sharma briefing the purpose of the meeting. It was followed by president Dr Saikia opening speech in which he presented a brief account of the activities of the Sabha since last executive committee meeting held in February this year. These include the Sabha's initiative of opening Assamese language learning course in Canada, the US, Mumbai and Ahmedabad where a number of Assamese children and youth were imparted training, publishing of books on various traits of tribal society, culture and literature, compilation of Manipuri translation of Dr Bhupen Hazarika's 90 songs, anthology of translation of Lakshminath Bezbarua's short stories and others. "Till date, we have published seven books on tribal culture and literature and there are 40 more such in the offing,"

The meeting discussed at length the correction of the Sabha's constitution and it was decided that as per the recommendations of the Pratinidhi Sabha of the Sualkuschi Session last year, the constitution should be corrected at the earliest convenience. Another matter discussed in the meeting was the Narayanpur Session's reception committee's proposal for postponement of the session due to shortage of time for the Covid-19 havoc.

Sabha's vice president Smti Mrinalini Devi, former general secretary Padum Rajkhowa, Dr Girish Handique, Sahir Bhuyan, Anup Borthakur and others spoke on the occasion.