

'Arunodoi Divas' celebrated in grand manner



The main gate installed at the 'Arunodoi Divas' celebration venue

On the occasion of the completion of 175 years of Assam's first newspaper 'Arunodoi', Asam Sahitya Sabha celebrated 'Arunodoi Divas' at the Boarding Field in Sivasagar on January 1 amid gaiety and festivity. The day-long programme was organised by Sivasagar Zila Sahitya Sabha. In the morning, the Sabha flag was hoisted by former president-in-charge Prahlad Chandra Tasa. A host of dignitaries hoisted the rest 175 flags. Then the Sabha's opening song 'O Mor Aponar Desh...' was presented as chorus. It was followed by 'Smriti Tarpan' inaugurated by noted writer Nirumapa Mahanta by lighting the tribute lamp. Sivasagar deputy commissioner Bishnu Kamal Gogoi led the Smriti Tarpan.

The open session, presided over by the Sabha president Dr Kuladhar Saikia, was inaugurated by the Sabha's former general secretary and Sahityacharyya Nahendra Padun. The meeting was attended by some other persons of eminence, such as, Dr Jayanta Kumar Bora of Dibrugarh University (as appointed speaker), Prahlad Chandra Tasa and the Sabha's former vice president Bhupen Saikia (as honoured guest), former Sivasagar DC Lakhminandan Gogoi, Tezpur Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi Girls' College principal Dr Tapan Kalita (as guests of honour) and others.

Earlier, the sculpture and book shop, specially held on the occasion, was inaugurated by Khatpar Sattrra Satradhikar and 'Shilpaguru' Revakanta Mahanta. Another attractive programme of the day was 'Janagosthiya Sanskritik Samaroh' which was inaugurated by noted musician and former principal of Moran College Dr Anil Saikia. A series of folk dances and songs belonging to various ethno-linguistic groups were presented at the function.



Sabha President Dr. Kuladhar Saikia and other dignitaries at the 'Arunodoi Divas' celebration's open meeting