

'Arunodoi Divas' held in Digboi



A view of the open session of the 'Arunodoi Divas' Celebration programme

Assam Sahitya Sabha celebrates the day January 1, every year to mark the launching of the first-ever Assamese newspaper 'Arunodoi' in 1846, and this time also there was no exception. On last January 1, 2022, the Sabha's central programme 'Arunodoi Divas' was held in the premises of Luit Shilpi Samaj in Digboi. Organised by Digboi Sahitya Seva Samity under the auspices of Tinsukia Zila Sahitya Sabha, the day-long programme began with hoisting of the Sabha flag by the Samity president Dipen Kumar Bora which was followed by 'Smriti Tarpan' by former district president Prabin Bora.

The open meeting, anchored by Dipen Kumar Bora, began with presentation of the Sabha's opening song '*Chira Chenehi Mor Bhasha Janani...*' by the female artists of the Samity. Presided over by the Sabha's former working president Prahlad Chandra Tasa, the meeting saw district president Arjun Barua and the Sabha general secretary Jadab Chandra Sharma delivering welcome address.

A host of dignitaries who were present on the occasion as invited guests include retired Tinsukia College principal Rana Changmai, Sabha's Karnadhar Samity member Dr Girish Handique, Dibrugarh regional office secretary Dr Santanu Lahkar, Dibrugarh Zila Sahitya Sabha president Indra Gogoi, Dr Arun Chandra Dutta, the Sabha's executive members Smti Hemlata Tasa, Dipak Bharali, Shri Kardung and others. All of them spoke on the occasion while highlighting the salient features of 'Arunodoi'.

After the presentation of another group song by the artists of the Samity and Shri Tasa's brief and articulate presidential address, the meeting concluded with proposing of vote of thanks by the district secretary Manoram Bora.