

## Asam Sahitya Sabha's books for sale in Kalakhsetra stall



President Dr. Saikia  
opening Sabha's  
book shelf

A series of selected books published by Asam Sahitya Sabha will now be available for sale at the souvenir shop of Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhsetra, Guwahati. At a solemn function held at the conference hall of the Kalakhsetra on November 18, 2020, Sabha president Dr Kuladhar Saikia ceremonially presented the books to Shri Sudarshan Thakur, the secretary of the Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhsetra Society.

In his welcome speech, Shri Thakur lauded Sabha's such mission of taking books to the close reach of the masses and said that Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhsetra Society is privileged to extend helping hand to Sabha's such noble venture. "Its a moral duty and responsibility of Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhsetra Society and we shall always join hands with Sabha's such benevolent scheme," Shri Thakur said.

Speaking on the occasion, the Sabha president Dr Saikia said that two book shops are already there in Sabha's Jorhat central office and Guwahati administrative office. Recently, the Sabha has opened a book shop in its Dibrugarh office, said Dr Saikia adding that some more book shops will be opened in Sabha's rest of the regional offices, i.e., Diphu, North Lakhimpur, Nagaon, Jalah, Dhubri and Silchar. Dr Saikia further said that opening up a Sahitya Sabha book corner at the Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhsetra's souvenir shop is a part of the Sabha's this very scheme and he expressed high hopes that Sabha's such effort will receive positive response from the visitors of the Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhsetra.

Sabha's general secretary Jadab Chandra Sharma, in his brief speech, offered deep gratitude to Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhsetra Samaj for such positive response to Sabha's mission. With regards to preservation of the past glory and pride of the greater Assamese nationality, Shri Sharma appealed to the secretary of the Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhsetra Samaj Shri Thakur to take up adequate measures to preserve the speeches of a couple of the Sabha's past presidents which are now at the custody of a Sivasagar-based dedicated person who may not be able to ensure proper safety and security the elements of such pride and glory of Assam.

Brihattar Panjabari Sahitya Sabha office bearers felicitated Dr Saikia, Shri Thakur and Shri Sharma with *gamosa*. For and on behalf of Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhsetra Society, Shri Thakur also felicitated Dr Saikia and Shri Sarmah in the same manner.

Anchored by Sabha's Sachib Chandan Sarmah, the meeting was attended by veteran citizen of the locality, former president of Brihattar Panjabari Sahitya Sabha and noted journalist-writer, Shri D N Chakraborty, Sabha's publication sub-committee working president Gangapada Choudhury, vice president Dr Namita Daka, convenor Debajit Bora, Kamrup Mahanagar Zila Sahitya Sabha president Daso Kalita, local senior citizens and academicians Surndramohan Mahanta, Amiya Barman, Mahendranath Bora, Panjabari sakhya's president Dr Bhabendra Dev Sharma and secretary Dipti Bora, Guwahati office secretary Manjit Singh, and others were present at the meeting.

Earlier, Dr Saikia ceremonially opened the Sabha's book corner at the Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhsetra's souvenir shop by cutting a ribbon.