

Sabha's 105th Raising Day celebrated in Golaghat

Guests from Nagaland, Arunachal & Lovelina's presence mark the occasion



Sabha president Dr. Saikia being felicitated before hoisting of the main flag

The 105th Raising Day of Asam Sahitya Sabha was celebrated amid much gaiety and festivity at Golaghat on December 27, 2021. Organised by Golaghat Zila Sahitya Sabha in association with Golaghat district administration and a couple of Golaghat-based socio-cultural bodies, the function was marked by the gracious presence of a number of eminent guests, such as, the Naga Hoho President H K Zhimomi, retired Indian Air Force officer and noted writer from Arunachal Pradesh Mahanto Panging, Olympic medalist boxer Lovelina Borgohain, Sipajhar MLA and the Sabha's former president Dr Paramananda Rajbongshi, Assam Cooperative Apex Bank chairman Bishwajit Phukan and others.

The day-long programme began at 8-45 A.M. with hoisting of the Sabha main flag by the president Dr Kuladhar Saikia. A host of dignitaries comprising AASU and AJYCP leaders, local academicians, tradesmen, writers and cultural activists joined the programme by hoisting in all 104 flags. It may be mentioned here that after flag hoisting, Lovelina Borgohain publicly announced about her enrolment as the Sabha's life member.

It was followed by *Swahid Tarpan* in which the Sabha's vice president Smti Mrinalini Devi took part as the chief guest and she was assisted by the reception committee president Purna Rajkhowa and the Golaghat Zila Sahitya Sabha president Pabitra Borbora. After that the colourful cultural festival, organised on the occasion comprising live performance by the cultural troupes from almost all the ethno-linguistic communities of Assam including one or two from Odisha, was inaugurated by the Golaghat deputy commissioner Shri Mrigesh Narayan Barua. The open session, began with presentation of the Sabha's opening song '*Chira Chenehi Mor Bhasha Janani...*' by 105 numbers of woman singers, was inaugurated by Assam Cooperative Apex Bank chairman Bishwajit Phukan. Presided over by the Sabha president Dr Saikia, the meeting began with the Sabha's general Secretary Jadab Chandra Sharma's welcome speech. The session saw Smti Mrinalini Devi, the Naga Hoho President and the chief guest of the function H K Zhimomi, guests of honour Arunachali writer Mahanto Panging, Dr Rajbongshi, Sabha's former acting president Padmashree Prahlad Chandra Tasa, former general secretary Padum Rajkhowa and other dignitaries speaking on the occasion. It may be mentioned here that the entire huge and colourful programme was quite successfully designed and executed by the reception committee formed with Purna Rajkhowa, Debajit Phukan and Diganta Kumar Bhuyan as the president, working president and general secretary respectively.