

MoU WITH AMTRON FOR JOINT VENTURE SIGNED
**Asam Sahitya Sabha's initiative for its digital archive,
book digitisation project in progress**



(From left) AMTRON's DGM Smti. Babita Goswami, Managing Director M. K. Yadab, Sabha president Dr. Saikia, Guwahati Office Secretary Manjit Singh during the signing of the MoU between AMTRON and Asam Sahitya Sabha

With the objective to implement the scheme of formation of a digital archive and also to ensure proper protection and preservation of a series of invaluable books by means of digitisation, Asam Sahitya Sabha signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Assam Electronics Development Corporation Ltd. (AMTRON) at the Sabha's Guwahati office on December 15, 2020. Sabha's Guwahati administrative office secretary Manjit Singh and deputy general manager of the AMTRON Samti Babita Goswami signed the MoU for and on behalf of the Sabha and AMTRON respectively in the presence of a batch of AMTRON officials and Sabha office bearers including the Sabha president Dr Kuladhar Saikia and the managing director of AMTRON Shri M K Yadab.

According to the MoU, the said project will be a joint venture of Asam Sahitya Sabha and AMTRON under which a series of precious printed books, journals, manuscripts, hand-written copies, etc., will be digitised and thus a digital archive will be formed. The AMTRON will provide the required infrastructure including manpower for reconstruction of such selected reading materials by means of OCR, DTP, scanning or any other suitable technology. The digitised books will be made available for public through an easy means in the internet. The AMTRON will also develop a web portal with advanced search facility for the digital contents and the same will be hosted in SDC or AMTRON data centre in public domain.

AMTRON officials Manoj Barua, Basanta Borthakur and Jyoti Prasad and the Sabha's Information Technology Sub Committee members Tridip Kr Barua and Dr Bobby Sharma were also present on the occasion which was also attended by a number of mediapersons.

It may be mentioned here that the Sabha's Information Technology Sub Committee will look after overall functioning of the entire project.
