

Birendranath Dutta, Nilmoni Phukan felicitated



From left: Nayan Prasad, Dr. Dutta, Dr. Saikia, D N Basumatry and M C Gogoi

The Sabha president Dr Kuladhar Saikia, on January 4, visited former president and noted folklore scholar, singer-musician Dr Birendra Nath Dutta at his resident in Silpukhuri, Guwahati, and felicitated him with bouquet and *arnaai*. It may be mentioned here that Dr Dutta has been under treatment for last almost two years. The Sabha president

was accompanied by cultural sub-committee working president D N Basumatry, publicity sub-committee working president Mukul Ch. Gogoi and Sachib Chandan Sarmah.

Dr Dutta was seen enchanted by the visit of the Sabha delegation. He said that the love and respect that has received from the people of Assam are indeed huge. "I am not sure whether or not I really deserve so," said Dr Dutta.

He welcomed the Sabha president's proposal to include Dr Dutta's research-based five-hour-long audio volume '*Musical Heritage of Assam*'. Musician Ramen Choudhury assisted Dr Dutta in this work which was patronized by Gauhati Refinery. Dr Saikia also informed Dr Dutta that the Sabha will arrange to upload this album in youtube. Dr Dutta sang a couple of his evergreen numbers. His wife Eva Dutta and theatre director-actor Nayan Prasad were also present on the occasion.

Visit at Nilmoni Phukan's place

On January, the Sabha president Dr Saikia accompanied by general secretary Jadab Chandra Sharma and Sachib Chandan Sarmah, paid a visit at Jnanpeeth Awardee Nilmoni Phukan's place in Bezbarua Nagar, Guwahati. Poet Phukan was sick and so the Sabha delegation could not meet him. However, his wife, Smti Dulumoni Phukan and son Jyotirmoy Phukan received the guests who handed over to Smti Phukan a memento, an *arnaai*, *cheleng chadar* and bouquet which they had carried to present to Shri Phukan.

It may be mentioned here that in last executive meeting of the Sabha, it was decided that a delegation led by the Sabha president should meet Shri Phukan to congratulate him for being Jnanpeeth Awardee.



Sabha President Dr. Saikia presenting bouquet to poet Nilmoni Phukan's wife Dulumoni Phukan