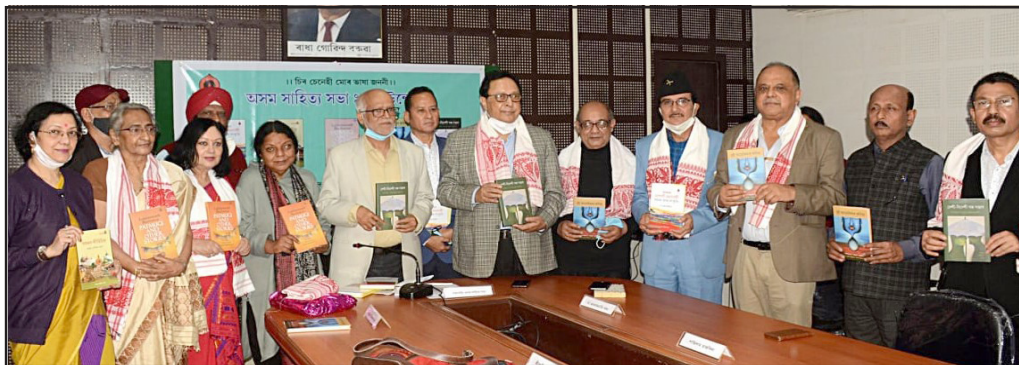


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*"Paatmugi and Other Stories' and four other books being released by the Sabha President and other dignitaries*

"I am indeed overwhelmed at being a part of a programme of Asam Sahitya Sabha, one of the world's premier literature organisations. I had earlier heard of Asam Sahitya Sabha and today its a great honour for me to take part in Sabha's such a significant programmes," said noted Chandigarh-based poet-writer-journalist Nirupama Dutt while releasing the book '*Paatmugi and Other Stories*'. The book, comprising 18 stories of Sahityarathi Lakshminath Bezbaroa which have been translated in to English by Mitra Phukan and Gayatri Bhattacharyya, was published by Sabha under its translation project sponsored by Oil India Ltd. Ms Dutt added, "The Sabha has taken a unique step to take the immortal literary creations of Lakshimnath Bezbaroa to the greater community of readers outside Assam and I feel privileged to be a part of this mission."

The meeting held at the Simhapurush Radhagovinda Barua Hall in the Sabha's Guwahati office on February 26, was chaired by the Sabha president Dr Kuladhar Saikia, and four other books launched on the occasion include '*Desh-Bideshar Galpa Sambhar*' (Editor: Dr Apurba Kumar Saikia), '*Dui Amerikar Kabita*' (Editor: Anubhav Tulasi), '*Asomor Nepali Janagosthi: Samaj Aru Sanskriti*' (Writer: Dr Jaya Kalita) and '*Asomor Kirticihna*' (Writer: Shantanu Kaushik Barua). Of these, the first two have been brought out by the translation project wing while the rest two are the products of Sabha's publication sub-committee. It may be mentioned here that the Chief General Manager (Pipeline Services), Oil India Ltd., Shri Sandeep Goswami was also present on the occasion as the special guest and, in his speech, he praised the Sabha for smooth functioning of the translation project and opined that Oil India Ltd is privileged to be a part of such a noble mission of the Sabha.

Releasing '*Desh-Bideshar Galpa Sambhar*', Sahitya Akademi Awardee celebrity writer and former president of Asam Sahitya Sabha Dr Dhruba Jyoti Borah expressed happiness over continuation of activities of the Sabha's translation project which came into being under his initiative when he was the president. "This book has brought in a wonderful opportunity before us to go for comparative study and analysis between our Assamese short stories and the others written various foreign languages," remarked Dr Saikia. The collection of Assamese translation of a series of poems of North America and South America '*Dui Amerikar Kabita*' was also released in then same function by noted thinker-academician-administrator Shantikam Hazarika.

While releasing '*Asomor Kirticihna*', Dr Kuladhar Saikia said that the book was a part of the Sabha's much ambitious publication scheme titled '*Asom Prajna*' (Assam's Pride) under which a series of books containing historical and antique values of the greater Assamese nationality will be brought out. "This book is just the beginning and many more in this series are in the process," said Dr Saikia. The function which began with welcome address by the Sabha's general secretary Jadab Chandra Sharma and concluded with proposing vote of thanks by the Sabha's publication sub-committee convenor Devajit Bora also saw the release of the book '*Asomor Nepali Janagosthi: Samaj Aru Sanskriti*' by Shri Durga Khatiwara, president, Asom Nepali Sahitya Sabha. Of some other dignitaries who were present there and also spoke on the occasion, mention may be made of Bipul Deuri (Director, Translation Project), Gangapada Dev Choudhury (Working President, Publication Sub-committee), Dr Namita Deka (Noted writer and an esteemed member of the said sub-committee) and others.