

Sabha's first executive body meeting of the year held

Asam Sahitya Sabha's executive body of the session 2020-22 met for the first time on November 1, 2020, at the Daanbir Radhakanta Handique Bhawan in the premises of the Sabha's central office Chandrakanta Handique Bhawan, Jorhat, with its president Dr Kuladhar Saikia in the chair. Around 100 executive body members including district representatives took part in the day-long meeting.

President Dr Saikia, in his opening speech, appealed to all for help and cooperation to strengthen Sabha's organisational base as well as to implement the future plans of the Sabha in effective manner. He presented in brief some of the future schemes of Sabha which include digitization of a series of precious Assamese books, opening of the avenues for teaching Assamese language, adopting adequate means for protection and preservation of indigenous language, literature and age-old rich traditional cultural traits of Assam, etc.

The latest issue of Sabha's quarterly research journal '*Asam Sahitya Sabha Patrika*' which was brought out as 'Corona Pandemic Special Volume' and Sabha's quarterly news bulletin '*Asam Sahitya Sabha Barta*' were ceremonially released.



General secretary Jadab Chandra Sharma presented his report and the meeting ended with adopting of a number of resolutions which include to demand the state government to ensure economic security to the thousands of working class people, small-scale businessmen, educated youths of Assam who have suffered terribly due to over six-month-long country-wide lockdown, to secure the interest of the educated indigenous new generation people of Assam in case of government and private sector jobs by introducing a flawless and effective employment policy, to implement properly the state language and education policy, etc.

Padmanath Gohain Barua's statue unveiled in Tinsukia

Asam Sahitya Sabha's president Dr Kuladhar Saikia ceremonially unveiled the statue of 'Sahitya Kandaree' Padmanath Gohain Barua, an apostle of Assamese literature and the founder president of the Sabha in a solemn function held at Tinsukia Sakha Sahitya Sabha Bhawan in Rongagorh Road in Tinsukia township on November 2, 2020. In his speech, Dr Saikia applauded the gesture of Tilak Handique, the president of Tinsukia Sakha Sahitya Sabha, and his wife Swarnalata Handique, who donated Rs 7.50 lakh for the statue which was created by Chandan Gogoi of Moran.



Sabha President
Dr. Kuladhar Saikia
speaking on the
occasion

The meeting was chaired by Tilak Handique and was attended by Sabha's general secretary Jadab Chandra Sharma, Dibrugarh regional secretary Dr Santanu Lahkar, Sabha's Karnadhar Samity member Girish Handique, Tinsukia Zila Sahitya Sabha president and secretary Arjun Barua and Manoram Barua respectively and others. A souvenir published on the occasion was also released at the meeting.

The meeting was followed by an intimate session in which Dr Saikia interacted with a number of students, young and seasoned writers, journalist and language-literature activists.

Sabha's book shop opened in Dibrugarh

A book shop was ceremonially inaugurated at the Sabha's Dibrugarh Regional Office in the premises of the Raibahadur Rameshwarlal Saharia Sanghati Bhawan in Dibrugarh on November 3, 2020. Attending the function as the chief guest, Asam Sahitya Sabha president Dr Kuladhar Saikia, in his inaugural speech, said that this was a part of the Sabha's new venture of opening book shops in its all eight regional offices. It may be mentioned here that there is already a book shop in each of the Sabha offices in Jorhat and Guwahati. Dr Saikia also said that the Sabha has already arranged to start its own book corner at the souvenir shop of Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra in Panjabari, Guwahati, where a series of select books published by Asam Sahitya Sabha are on sale in discount price.



Moment before
Sabha President
Dr. Kuladhar Saikia
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book shop

It was followed by Dr Saikia unveiling a portrait of Raibahadur Rameshwarlal Saharia installed at the Dibrugarh Regional Office.

A host of dignitaries, such as, Deviprasad Bagradiya (noted writer-translator), Girish Handique (Sabha's Karnadhar Samity member), Aditya Saikia (convenor, Inter-state Coordination Committee of the Sabha, Dibrugarh regional secretary Dr Santanu Lahkar, Hemaprabha Tasa (regional convenor of the State and Mother Language Sub-committee of the Sabha), Biren Barua (president, 'Kuhi' Sub-committee of the Sabha), Bhuban Mohan Goswami (Sabha's internal auditor), Rajkumar Agarwalla (Raibahadur Rameshwarlal Saharia Sanghati Bhawan Management Committee treasurer) and few other noted denizens of Dibrugarh were present of the occasion.