

## Karnadhar Samity meeting held

Sabha's Karnadhar Samity's meeting was held at Radhagobinda Barua Hall in Guwahati office on December 2, 2021, with president Dr Kuladhar Saikia in the chair. Besides vice president Smti Mrinalini Davi, general secretary Jadab Chandra Sharma, treasurer Premnarayan Nath and Guwahati administrative office secretary Manjit Singh, others present were Dr Girish Handique (member, Karnadhar Samity), Dr Hitesh Deka (member, Karnadhar Samity and VC, Srimanta Sankardev University), Dr Sanjiv Kumar Sharma (Sabha's spokesperson and member, Karnadhar Samity), Ramanandan Bora (member, Karnadhar Samity, and the secretary of Sabha's Jorhat Central Office) and Chandan Sarmah (member, Karnadhar Samity, and Sachib, Guwahati Administrative Office). Moreover, two other dignitaries, Pallab Bhattacharyya (former Assam Public Service Commission chairman) and Mukul Chandra Gogoi (Sabha's press & publicity sub-committee working president and retired IAS officer) were present on the occasion as special invitees.

After presentation of the opening chorus '*Chira Chenehi Mor Bhasha Janani...*' and the general secretary Jadab Chandra Sharma's welcome speech, the main proceedings began with the president Dr Saikia's opening speech in which he, with reference to the State Chief Minister's public announcement regarding the State Government's apathetic attitude towards Assamese language in the APSC course, informed the members about the Sabha's earlier move for protection of and proper status to Assamese and all the mother languages of Assam in APSC and all other State Government agencies almost more than a year back when a high-level Sabha delegation had submitted a memorandum to the then Chief Minister of Assam Shri Sarbananda Sonowal.

Shri Pallab Bhattacharyya, while speaking for taking up legal action against the State Government for taking such a step, also suggested that in this regard the Sabha should also present memorandum to the APSC reforms committee headed by the Retired Hon'ble Guwahati High Court Justice Biplab Kumar Sharma and also to the State Government. He further explained in brief the status of the local state language in Gujarat, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, etc., in their respective state public service commission. Vice president Smti Mrinalini Davi and Guwahati administrative office secretary Manjit Singh supported this suggestion. Dr Hitesh Deka clearly stated that the Sabha should very immediately organise a meeting all the like-minded literary and socio-cultural bodies of Assam to take a firm decision and also to go for legal battle against the State Government.

Of the other issues discussed at the meeting, mention may be made of the Sabha's present financial condition, Constitution amendment, Narayanpur Adhiveshan, next Executive Body meeting at Duliajan on December 11, 2021, and others.