

## ‘Sristir Choraghar’: Sabha’s new programme held with Arupa Patangiya Kalita as the guest



The Sabha president Dr Kuladhar Saikia, noted writer Dr Arupa Patangiya Kalita (extreme right) and other dignitaries releasing the book 'Asomiya Lipir Kramabikash' and the writer of the book Bhaskar Bordoloi is also seen on the left side of the president.

A new programme titled ‘Sristir Choraghar’ of Asam Sahitya Sabha began on last February 7, 2021, with Sahitya Akademi awardee, noted writer Arupa Patangiya Kalita as the guest. The programme has been designed to explore the mindset of writers and artists by means of interactive session with the greater community of literature and art-lovers. The Sabha president Dr Kuladhar Saikia moderated the programme which began with presentation of the Sabha anthem ‘*Chira Chenehi Mor Bhasha Janani...!*’.

The proceedings began with Dr Bhaskarjyoti Sarma of ABILAC presenting a brief introduction of Smti Patangiya Kalita which was followed by her speech. The celebrity writer gave a brief account of her childhood and then narrated about how a series of socio-political turmoils haunted her when she started writing fictions. She explained that in some cases such disturbing elements and incidents also became her source of inspiration for creative pursuits.

Smti Patangiya Kalita rejected the term ‘feminist writer’ as she is often referred to. “I am a radical humanist and a writer. I firmly believe that the quality of the creative pursuits is the main things to be measured in stead of dividing the writer as a male or female,” she said adding that she has been deeply touched by the writings of Tony Morrison and she has translated Morrison’s one of the most acclaimed novels ‘*The Bluest Eyes*’ into Assamese.

Besides a number of literature-loving people a group of young readers comprising college and university students attended the programme and most of them took part in the interactive session with the writer.

Two significant books published by Asam Sahitya Sabha, ‘*Asomiya Lipir Kramabikash*’ by Bhaskar Bordoloi and ‘*Asomot Bhashar Adhyayan*’ by Dr Aparna Konwar, were ceremonially released by Dr Kuladhar Saikia and other dignitaries. Writer Bhaskar Bordoloi, who was also present on the occasion, presented a brief introduction of his book.

Dr Saikia in his concluding remarks said that the programme ‘Sristir Choraghar’ will be held once in every month and besides writers and poets, actors, singers, theatre and cinema directors even sportspersons will also be invited to this programme. About the two books released on the occasion, Dr Saikia expressed his happiness for presenting the greater community of readers of Assam such precious publications.