

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Chief Minister Dr. Sarma meets a delegation of Asom State Freedom Fighters' Association

## Discusses with them issues concerning its interests

Dispur, August 14: On the eve of the celebrations of the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of the Nation, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today met a delegation of Asom State Freedom Fighters' Association led by its President Krishna Lahkar and its General Secretary Dwijendra Mohan Sarma at his office chamber in Janata Bhavan today and discussed with them a series of issues confronting with them.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma while acknowledging the unparallel role of the Freedom Fighters' Association in the following years of India's independence said that the Association has been playing a great role in sustaining the rich legacy of the freedom fighters of the state. The delegation also submitted a memorandum containing their demands to the Chief Minister.

Dr. Sarma while interacting with them said that State government would take proactive steps in increasing the amount of pension to the freedom fighters, extending the pension to the family members, giving one time grant of Rs. 5 lakh to the next of the kin of the martyrs in the freedom struggle, heling the Association with adequate financial help to build Freedom Fighters' Bhawan in all districts of the state etc.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma felicitated President of Asom State Freedom Fighters' Association Krishna Lahkar. Treasurer of the Association Kamal Chandra Lahkar, Secretary Binay Ranjan Sarma were also present during the meeting as a part of the delegation.

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