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CM Dr. Sarma attends 12th session of Tiwa Sahitya Sabha

We should all recognise the independence of tribal languages: CM

CM announces Rs. 50 crore for transforming Jongal Balahu rampart into a tourist centre

Dispur, February 28: Every language has its own identity of the people who speak that language. Tiwa is one of the major languages of Assam and is spoken by a large population. These were the observations of Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma while speaking at the inaugural meeting of the twelfth general session of the mathonlai tokhra (Tiwa Sahitya Sabha) held at Nagaon district today.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma while referring to Lakshminath Bezbaruah said that literature is the pride of a nation. If national life becomes narrow, so will national literature. The literature of a nation is strong whose national life is also strong. The Chief Minister said that the nation empowers only when the language and literature of smaller communities are rich. He therefore, said that 'we should all recognize the identity of tribal languages'. The Chief Minister urged the people of Tiwa not to deviate from their traditions and customs. If the people belonging to Tiwa follow this they will glitter in the entire demography. He also emphasised on practicing the Tiwa language simultaneously with literature. Dr. Sarma also stressed on translating the literature of the Tiwa language into Assamese and other languages. He said that this is required to create bond of cooperation and not competition. The Chief Minister said that in the 21st century, Tiwa language literature should also move forward with a resolute search for change.

The Chief Minister says that literature is created from nature, human happiness, feelings, beliefs, traditions etc. Quoting the verses from Balmiki to Jatindra Nath Duwara Chief Minister Dr. Sarma gave a resourceful speech on the significance and importance of literature.

The Chief Minister said that the State Government has taken all necessary steps for the development of Tiwa language as well as every ethnic language through the Department of Tribal Culture and Faith. According to the new national education policy (NEP), the State government has taken all necessary steps to provide primary education in their mother tongue to each and every community like Tiwa, Bodo, Mising, Karbi, Dimasa etc. Efforts have also been made to give rights to land for the tribal people through adoption of Tribal Land Allocation Policy as a complement to the land policy of the State Government. The Chief Minister informed that all the necessary steps would be taken for the socio-economic development of the community besides strengthening the Tiwa Autonomous Council. He also said that State government would also take step to accord national hero status to the legendary Tiwa king and warrior Jongal Balahu and Rs. 50 crore would be given to transform the Jongal Balahu rampart at Raha into an attractive tourist centre.

MLA Marigaon Ramakanta Deuri, MLA Raha Sashikanta Das, CEM Tiwa Autonomous Council Jiban Chandra Konwar and a host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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