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CM attends 54th Annual Convention of ABSU

Tribal land policy soon to ensure land rights: CM

Dispur, March 5: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today attended the 54th Annual Convention of All Bodo Students Union at Langhin, Karbi Anglong.

Speaking at the programme, the Chief Minister said the state government will bring tribal land policy in Assam within 6 months to ensure land rights of the tribal population. He also informed that adequate steps would be taken for socio- economic upliftment of bodo people living outside BTR.

The Chief Minister remarked that in the aftermath of the signing of historic Bodo Peace accord, BTR has taken a giant leap towards progress and development. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, the Accord came to fruition resulting in lasting peace in the erstwhile strife-torn region, he added.

Saying that ABSU has always been at the forefront of voicing the aspirations of not only the students, but the Bodo society as a whole, the Chief Minister asserted that ABSU has played a crucial role in socio-cultural development & making the Bodos aware about their political rights. He also said being the largest ethno-linguistic group in Assam, Bodos have contributed immensely to the growth of the greater Assamese society. They have a glorious history & a very rich culture, he said.

The Chief Minister informed the state government has set up Department of Indigenous Faith and Culture for preservation of cultural heritage of Assam. The state can progress only when the development of indigenous population is ensured. Bodo language has also been categorised as an associate language by the state government, he said.

The Chief Minister said that today's Bodo youths have come out to make a positive change in the society instead of taking up arms. In his speech, the Chief Minister remembered the contributions of founder President of ABSU Baneshwar Basumatary, Secretary Kanakeshwar Narzary, Bodofa Upendranath Brahma and other stalwarts of Bodo community.

The Chief Minister also announced that a government college would be set up at Langhin.

Speaker of Assam Legislative Assembly Biswajit Daimary, Minister of Handloom and Textiles Urkhao Gwra Brahma, MLA Gobindra Chandra Basumatary, CEM Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council Tuliram Ronghang, CEM Dima Hasao Autonomous Council Debolal Garlosa, BTR Chief Pramod Boro, President of ABSU Dipen Boro, President of Bodo Sahitya Sabha Toren Boro, General Secretary of All Assam Tribal Sangha Aditya Khaklary, General Secretary of ABSU Khanindra Basumatary and others dignitaries were also present in today's programme.

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