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CM Dr. Sarma attends 55th Annual Conference of ABSU

**ABSU has been playing great role to socio-cultural academic empowerment of people: CM
Dispur, January 29:** Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma attended the 55th Annual Conference of All Bodo Students' Union at Bodoland Fwthar in Rowta today.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that he was happy to attend the conference which reflected the vibrancy of the students' union which has been working for the socio-cultural and academic empowerment of the people. Paying rich tributes to Bodofa Upendranath Brahma on this occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that as the president of the Union, Bodofa also laid a strong foundation for the socio-cultural and academic development of the people of BTR.

The Chief Minister said that the people belonging to Bodo community are an indispensable part of *Bor Asom*. They have been playing great role in tandem with other people to contribute to the growth of the state. He also said that ABSU is playing an important role for the socio-economic-cultural and academic development of the people of BTR. In future also this impressive role has to go on for the overall development of the people of BTR.

The Chief Minister said that after the Bodo Accord in 2020, there has been new found peace in the BTR. He, therefore, expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah on this occasion. He said that the government is working in right earnest to implement all the provisions of the Bodo Accord. He also said his government in the budget would make budgetary allocation for Udalguri campus of the Bodoland University in Udalguri. Moreover, 10 collages in BTR will be provincialised, Dr. Sarma added.

Paying homage to the great souls like Kali Charan Brahma, Roopnath Brahma, Satish Chandra Basumatary, Dharanidhar Basumatary, Charan Narzary and Pramad Chandra Brahma, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma attributed their role to the socio-cultural and academic development of BTR.

Hailing the role of ABSU, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said since its inception the student body has been working for the empowerment of all sections of the people of the state. He said that in recognition to the immense role played by Bodofa Upendranath Brahma, State government has decided to celebrate 31st March the birthday of Bodofa Upendranath Brahma will be celebrated as Chatra Diwas to strengthen unity among the students of all community.

Chief Executive Member BTC Pramad Boro, Dy CEM Gobinda Chandra Basumatary, Minister Irrigation Ashok Singhal, Minister Handloom and Textile UG Brahma, President ABSU Dipen Boro, VC Assam Agricultural University Dr. Bidyut Chandra Deka, VC Sido Kanhu Murmu University Prof. Sonajharia Minz, MP Rwngrwa Narzary, CEM Bodo Kachari Welfare Autonomous Council Mihiswar Basumatary and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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