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Chief Minister Dr. Sarma attends a book release function

Dr. Mohan Bhagawat unveils a book 'Citizenship Debate Over NRC and CAA, Assam and Politics of History'

Dispur, July 21: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today attended a book release function of a book namely 'Citizenship Debate Over NRC and CAA, Assam and Politics of History' inaugurated by Sarsangcharak Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Dr. Mohan Bhagawat at a programme held at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra here today.

The book written by Prof. Nanigopal Mahanta is published by Sage Publications India Pvt. Limited.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that in Indian democracy which has the reputation of being the largest in the world with the democratic tenets deeply ingrained in it, has the scope of airing one's alternative voice. In this backdrop, Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta has written this book which is very well researched and thought-provoking.

Congratulating the author in writing the book, Dr. Sarma said that the book based on facts and figures, gave an analytical treatment to Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and National Register of Citizens (NRC). He also said that the presence of honourable Dr. Mohan Bhagawat in Guwahati to inaugurate the book is a matter of pride and prestige.

Dr. Mohan Bhagawat while speaking on the occasion congratulated Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta on authoring a book with greater significance and said that the book is a result of the author's immense hard work which brought to light several facts. The author put forward a factual picture for which the book becomes a must-read one. He also said that India is a unique country and in spite of diversities people belonging to different back grounds have been living in perfect harmony for 4500 years. Though after partition India has been divided, still it remains a moral duty of the country to be with its people in case of any problem. He also said that secularism, socialism and democracy are very much inherent to India as this country gives the virtues of these concepts to other parts of the globe. He also said that CAA and the NRC have nothing to do with Hindu-Muslim divide and communal narrative. Thanking the author for writing the book, he said that the book will provide insight to CAA and NRC to make them more comprehensible by cross section of the society.

Vice Chancellor, Gauhati University Prof. Pratap Jyoti Handique also spoke on the occasion. Earlier, author, Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta gave an overview of the book.

Speaker Assam Legislative Biswajit Daimary, several ministers, MLAs and host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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