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Sonowal releases a book 'Brindabani Bastra'

Requests writers to write books to highlights different aspects of Srimanta Sankaradeva

Dispur, December 30: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today released '*Brindabani Bastra*', a research-based book written by Mrinal Chandra Kalita at the conference hall of Assam Legislative Assembly here today.

The book encapsulates different facets of *Brindabani Bastra* which Srimanta Sankaradeva prepared before five hundred years ago, has been published by Deban Kilata on behalf of Rekha Prakashan.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal while thanking the writer for having written a book on *Gurujona's Brindabani Bastra* said that through this book readers will get to know several aspects of *Gurujona's* unique creation. Stating that Srimanta Sankaradeva was a multifaceted personality, Sonowal urged upon the writers to carry out an exhaustive work to divulge different aspects of Srimanta Sankaradeva namely his role as a social reformer, as spiritual giant, as a cultural wizard and his acumen in sports and other physical activities. He also said that Gurujona undertook extensive journeys throughout the length and breadth of the country. He, therefore, urged upon writers of the state to write books to highlight *Gurujona's* journey throughout the nation that he undertook under different circumstances.

Emphasizing on the role of the *Gurujona* on the socio-cultural and spiritual life of the people of the state, Sonowal said that his government would promote the birth place of the *Gurujona* as a hub of spiritual tourism in line with Golden Temple of Amritsar. He moreover, said that Assam always stands out as a land which always attaches unprecedented values for its socio-cultural and spiritual moorings. He said that his government has been working relentlessly to put the state in the growth trajectory with a deep bow of reverence for the state's rich socio-cultural and spiritual values.

Former Speaker of Assam Legislative Assembly Ranjeet Dass, former Deputy Speaker of Assam Legislative Assembly Dilip Kumar Paul, Chief Minister's Media Advisor Hrishikesh Goswami, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Pijush Hazarika, MLA Prasanta Phukan and few other personalities were present on the book release function.

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