

Activity Report of Assam Association Delhi

(To be presented by GS at AGB scheduled on 23/01/2021)

The New Executive Body of Assam Association ,Delhi 2019-21 took charge on 7th September 2019 at the Conference Hall of Srimanta Sankardeva Bhawan, New Delhi. The charge handover ceremony was presided by Sri Achyut Saikia , outgoing President and attended by EM members of both outgoing and incoming Committees. After assuming charge , various activities have been started by the new Committee which are in chronological order as follows viz.

1. Condolence Meeting on the sudden demise of Dr Dilip Dutta , renowned educationist and former professor of Rhode Island University, USA was held on 28th September 2019

2. Participation in the Curtain Raiser event - Assam Association Delhi participated in the Curtain Raiser event at CSOI Auditorium on 15th October 2019 for the upcoming event viz. North East Expo'2019 scheduled on 02 and 3rd Nov 2019 to mark the occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi with 100 years of his association with Khadi and 91 years of AIWEFA's service to women and communities. During the event, Assam Association Delhi performed the National Anthem and Assam National Song "O MOOR APUNAR DEKH". .

3. Participated in North East Expo'2019 Participated in the North East Expo'2019 (02-03rd Nov 2019) particularly in the Khadi Fashion Show i.e. "Khadi Goes Global" held on 03 November 2019 at the Heritage Building, Lady Irwin College, Sikandra Road, New Delhi .

4. Celebration of Magh Bihu on 19th January 2020 Celebration of Megh bihu was held at Srimanta Sankardev Bhawan with multi dimensional activities i.e sports, art competition, cultural program etc . This time though all arrangement was made to organise in the field at Vinay Marg, Chanakyapuri but had to shift to Srimanta Shankardev Bhawan at the last hour due to the unexpected CAB protest erupted in Delhi. The Uruka was celebrated on 18th January at the same location. The various activities performed were viz. Flag hoisting, Mezi projjolan, art competition amongst children, musical chair competition amongst ladies, spoon race competition amongst ladies, Assamese poetry recitation competition amongst persons of age with 40 years and plus , bihu dance performance by children group, launching of souvenir ' samayik', Magic performance by Dr Banajit Mazumdar, tambulla etc. The event was attended by 300 + participants. The magh bihu community bhoj was arranged during the event.

5 . Celebration of Republic Day on 26th January, 2020 - The **Republic Day** celebration was held at Srimanta Sankardev Bhawan at 10 AM in presence of several members. The flag hoisting was done by Smti Anjali Barooah , President. A few other members also spoke about the significance of the day.

6. **Condolence meeting** for Dr. Ashok Bhagawati ,an Life Member of AAD was held

7 . Heart -to- Heart interaction with Sri Sarbananda Sonowal, Chief Minister of Assam

Sri Sarbananda Sonowal , Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam and Sri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa , MP(RS) visited Srimanta Sankaradeva Bhawan on 4th February 2020 for a Heart-to -Heart interaction with Assamese Community living in Delhi / NCR. Around 250- 300 people participated the event . Later, one Memorandum was submitted by President, AAD to CM with a request to provide financial assistance to revamp Srimanata Sankar Dev Bhawan . An estimate of Rs 48.6 Lakh was submitted along with the MoU. CM assured to provide necessary support at the earliest.

8 . Felicitation to Gauri Shankar Kalita March 3rd 2020

Sri Gauri Shankar Kalita who reached Delhi on 2nd February 2020 by walking alone from Guwahati, Assam covering more than 2000 kms bringing message to encourage tree plantation amongst present generation. He was invited to Srimanta Sankardev Bhawan and facilitated. Later he planted a tree within the campus of Srimanta Sankardeva Bhawan.

9 . Felicitation to Nizara Phukon March 8th 2020

Smti Nizara Phukon reached Delhi by walking from Chairaideu district (Assam) covering a distance of 2500 Kms conveying messages for preservation and conservation of environment for future. She was facilitated by a delegate at Assam Bhawan for her noble efforts.

10. Rongali Bihu Celebration

The playground of Samaj Sadan, Sector 1, RK Puram was arranged for the upcoming Rongali Bihu Celebration with Cultural Nite . The event had to be cancelled at the last hour due to the restriction imposed by Govt for the sudden out-break of COVID-19.

11. Delegates of Assam Association Delhi met CM Sarbananda Sonowal A delegates of Assam Association Delhi comprised of Smti Anjali Barooah , Dr Nilamani Sarma , Dibyojit Dutta and Sri Pradip Sarma met honble Chief Minister of Assam , Sri Sarbanada Sonowal at his Delhi residence on dated 21st September 2020 at 12:00 PM. During the half an hour interaction , the various issues related to Assamese community residing in outside Assam specially in Delhi NCR were appraised and sought supports from Hon'ble CM. Then the request for financial assistance of Rs 48.6 Lakh to renovate Srimanta Sankardeva Bhawan was raised. In this context, Honble Chief Minister conveyed that instruction was already given Govt of Assam to take appropriate measure . To know the current status, he immediately contacted Senior officials of Assam Secretariat who confirmed it positively. Honble CM assured that he would provide more assistance to Assam Association Delhi than it was sought from him.

12 . Rejuvenation Plan for Satriya School of Assam Association, Delhi submitted at Sangeet Natak Akademy

The various issues regarding rejuvenation plan of the existing Sattriya School operating in Srimanata Sanakardeva Bhawan was discussed with Sri Raju Das, Deputy Secretary , Sangeet Natak Akademy in his chamber at Rabindra Bhawan , Firoz shah Road, New Delhi. Then the proposal as per their advertisement viz. "Financial Assistance of Cultural institutions" was submitted on 30th September' 2020 with necessary documents. Total Budget submitted for revamping of the Sattriya school was Rs 60.82 Lakh for 5 years out of which the some amount has been sought from Sangeet Natak Akademy as the per existing provision.

13. Step to improve the Financial Crisis of Srinamnta Shankardev Bhawan

Due to ongoing locked down for COVID-19 pandemic , the revenue earning by Srinamnta Shankardev Bhawan has become almost zero. So assisted AACET to improve their financial crisis viz.

- a. The load of electricity was reduced from 56 KWH to 27 KWH.
- b. Curtailed unnecessary expenditure , identify leakages and fix these
- c. Fund Collection Drive was made

14. Celebration of Independence day The 74th Independence Day was celebrated at Srimanta Sankardev Bhawan on 15th August . The flag hoisting was done by Smti Deepanjali Dutta Vice President . A few other members also spoke about the significance of the day.

15 . Contribution towards Stranded people during COVID-19 locked own –

Assam Association Delhi affectively supported to those stranded people in Delhi many of whict are COVID +ve, cancer patient, due to sudden outbreak of COVID-19 and subsequent locked down. Necessary coordination was established with Government of India, Govt of Assam, Govt of Delhi, Nodal officers/ Contro;l Room of COVID hospitals of Delhi, Quarantine centres of Delhi/ NCR, Assam House- Delhi, SPUNER, District Administrations of various districts of Assam and other districts with affected people, community centre, NGOs, individuals etc. Several institutions/ individuals have provided financial supports / foods to stranded families/ individuals. Also coordinated with few member medicos viz. Dr Kunjahari Medhi (Bartra Hospital) Dr Joyeeta Talukdar (AIIMS), Dr Shallen Kumar (Rajiv Gandhi Super Specialty Hospital), Dr Chandan Bortamuly (LNJP Hospital) etc to assist COVID patients.

Also coordinated with a few NGOs viz. Sristi , Bordoichila foundation etc in arranging buses to ferry stranded people to Assam. Also coordinated other NGOs viz. Centre for Social Change by Dr Bani Bora, SRISTI etc in arranging supply of food to affected families. Funds were raised from members to arrange transportation .

16. Performing the last rite of CoVID +ve dead-body of patient from Assam - As one person coming from Assam for medical treatment for his wife, detected Corona +ve here and later died in LNJP Hospital. But his dead body could be detected in Mortuary of LNJP hospital after 10 days of his death. But there was deep apprehension to perform verification and subsequent cremation. The issue came to AAD and necessary identification, bringing dead body to cremation ground in ambulance and the last rite was done with necessary procedures. During the process, Sh Joydeep Shukla Boidya (Assam House) and SPUNER assisted required supports.

17. Assamese Poetry Recitation Competition – An Online Assamese poetry competition amongst Assamese students residing in Delhi NCR was organised by Assam Association, Delhi during July 2020. The competition was held in three categories i.e. Group A (upto class 6), Group B (Class 7 to Class 10) and Group C (Class XI & XII) . 60+ children submitted their recitation Video. The selection was done by a team of juries and as per their version, the competition was tough . Prize money was collected from donor ; awards were distributed amongst winners and all other participants

18. Condolence to sudden demise of Sjt Bipin Ch. Neog – Condolence meeting was held to mark the respect of the departed soul of Sjt Bipin Ch. Neog who unexpectedly breathed his last on 17th June at his residence located at Ghaziabad.

19. Special Issue of Jogajog on completion of 10 years published

The special issue of Jogajog on successful completion of 10 years has been published

20. 36th Meeting of Cultural Function and Production Grant Scheme from Ministry of Culture , Govt of India

As requested by Ministry of Culture, the following items were submitted to Ministry of Culture towards sanction of an amount of Rs 1.5 Lakh for conducting cultural event viz. Celebration of Rogali Bihu on 23/04/2017 viz. CA Certified Utilization Certificate in 12A format along with Annexure I & II , Photos and Invitation Card of the Event, Link of uploaded videos in social Media Platform , News paper cutting etc.

20. Special Life membership drive

Special membership drive was started to accommodate more potential members as Life membership . Already visited several MPs (LS/ RS), interacted with them and appraised to become Life members to serve the community more effectively. But this effort got struck due to sudden outbreak of Corona and locked down. It is expected to revive soon.

21 Condolence message to Departed Souls. Condolence meeting with two minutes silence was observed on 12th December 2020 to mark of respect to the departed souls of the following viz.

- a. Tarun Gogoi
- b. Ashok Bhagawati
- c. Ahindra Lal Bhuyan
- d. Dr Jayanta Madhab
- e. Dr Gauri Kanta Handique
- f. Utpala Bora
- g. Abhijit Dihingia
- h. Gauri Barman

The condolence message from the President, AACET was issued to the bereaved families. Further,

22. Appointment of Trustee to AACET

Sri N Kouli has been inducted in principle as the new trustee of AACET in the Joint meeting . Sri Kouli did his schooling at Dibrugarh and later joined IRS in 1989. Currently he is working as Principal

Commissioner, ITax at Gurugram. The Committee wholeheartedly welcome him as one of the Trustee and assured full cooperation in future.

23. Improvement of Jogajog Steps have been taken to improve the monthly newsletter viz. Jogajog. It has been decided that General Secretary and Managing Trustee would contribute a few news about various activities performed by AAD / Trust in each month. Also the important discussion points of EC Meeting , Joint EC-AAD & AACET Trust Meeting etc are also to be published in Jogajog

24. AAD Directory

The database of the members directory is being updated. New addition of listing of various agencies/ entrepreneurship/business/ Organizations/ establishment/ Pvt company etc are gong on

25. AAD Website

Payment of the website has been made and reactivated. The process of rejuvenation of the site is under going on. It is being planned to upgrade into a Digital Platform as a project out-sourced to college students i.e. NIT Silchar, Assam.

26. Jyoti Divas celebrated on 17th January 2021

Jyoti Divas was celebrated through Google Meet with participation of several music enthusiast from Delhi NCR Region from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM through various cultural activities. During the two hours lively session, several participants performed their favorite Jyoti Sangeet , other v music and song with discussion session.

27. Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body is schedule on 23rd January 2021, Saturday at Srimanta Sankardev Bhawan. Due to restriction imposed by Govt , only few persons to be allowed to attend physically, the majority should join through webinar link. Necessary arrangement to be organised for the same.
