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DEBATES OF THE ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Friday the 1st March, 2002

The House met at 8.30 A.M of the Clock in the Assembly Chamber at Dispur with Shri Prithibi Majhi, Speaker in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker : The Hon'ble Governor is addressing the House today, the 1st March, 2002 at 8.30 A.M. He is arriving in the main gate of the Assembly premises at 8.33 A.M. So myself with the C.M. and the Secretary, ALA will be going to receive. His Excellency, Hon'ble Governor of Assam at the main gate. Instruction in regard to how to receive Hon'ble Governor has already been given on each Hon'ble Member's table. As soon as the Governor arrive's in the House, I think we should comply with the instructions. Now, with your permission I now leave the House to receive the Hon'ble Governor at the main gate.

(Mr. Speaker then leaved the house to received the Hon'ble Governor alongwith Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Secretary Assam Legislative Assembly)

(The Hon'ble Governor arrived in the House accompanied by Hon'ble Speaker, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly and the National anthem, Hon'ble Governor occupied his allotted chair and everybody took their respective seats)

I now request the Hon'ble Governor to address the House. (Hon'ble Governor started delivering his written address.)

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS**Hon'ble Governor : Mr. Speaker, and Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly,**

1. It is indeed a privilege for me to address this august House at the commencement of the Budget Session, 2002, of the eleventh Assam Legislative Assembly. On this important occasion I extend my greetings and good wishes to the Honourable Members, and my gratitude for the cooperation extended to my Government.
2. I am confident that the deliberations in this session will be constructive and fruitful, and that they will both guide and lead to the realisation of our shared goals. We seek to build a prosperous and progressive Assam, and bring to the people of our State a new era of economic development and opportunity.
3. This year, 2002, marks the fiftieth year since the first General Elections based on universal franchise, and the first ever in independent India. Five decades ago, the first Assam Legislative Assembly was constituted, and charted a part of democracy and development for our State. In the Golden Jubilee year of the beginnings of our democratic tradition, my Government rededicates itself to the ideals of democracy, and firmly rejects the part of violence, terrorism and anarchy.
4. AT the commencement of this session, my Government can look back on the preceding nine months with satisfaction on its achievements. Within a growing environment of peace and stability, my government has embarked on many potentially far-reaching initiatives. These are intended to revitalise the development process, up-

grade infrastructure and bring about greater transparency and accountability in Government.

5. At the very top of my government's agenda is the development of the State, and the economic and social well being well being of its. People. Our vision is of a State that will take its rightful place as one of the most developed and progressive in the country We want Assam to become a model for other States. My Government will strive to attain this objective , with all the commitment and resources that it can muster.
6. In this task , my Government is undoubtedly hampered by a legacy of financial constraint and fiscal disadvantage. This has placed the State's finances in a position of relative vulnerability. The primary cause of this predicament is the imbalance between the resources available to this predicament is the imbalance between the resources available to the State, and those needed for its development and growth. Continuing fiscal Stress has over the years manifested itself in cash flow difficulties, and obligated the State to tighten its belt. Despite this, our effort has been to accord the highest priority to the development of the State, and maintain a flow of funds to developmental sectors.
7. The intention of my Government is not however to reiterate a litany of inheritance and circumstance. It is deeply aware of the need to demonstrate action and progress, and provide tangible and sustainable benefits to the people of Assam.
8. The financial position of the State represents perhaps our biggest challenge. It is one that my Government is committed to overcome, to be able to steer the State

and the economy on the part of significant growth, provide opportunities for employment and deliver basic services.

9. My government took an step forward with the constitution of a committee on Fiscal reforms. The Committee has since submitted its report, and its recommendations are under the active consideration of Government.
10. Mean while, a number of measures have been taken to strengthen the State's finances. We have been encouraged by the increased collections of tax revenues, and by the upward trend in small savings deposits. Expenditure rationalisation measures are being implemented to curtail non- essential expenditures, and the purchase policy of the Government is under review.
11. The tenth Five- year plan will be operationalised in 2002-03. My Government has formulated its first Annual plan. These have been prepared in the light of the experience gained in the implementation of its predecessor plans. The particular circumstances and special needs of the State have been kept in mind.
12. The Tenth plan seeks to enhance growth and create employment. My Government will therefore stress the development of employment opportunities, the advancement of the rural economy, including the agriculture sector, industrial activity and the provision of basic of services for all, including health care and education.

Law & Order:

13. Over the past year, the relentless and continuing efforts of my Government to bring peace and security to the State have begun to pay dividends. The law and order

situation has visibly improved, reflected in a decreasing trend of violent incidents and civilian casualties. Most importantly, the perception of the people of Assam is that the situation has improved.

14. This is attributable to the efforts of the Government's law enforcing agencies, to better coordination amongst them, and to measures taken to restore the confidence of the people.
15. My Government intends to continue to pursue counter insurgency operations against militant groups operating in the State. At the same times it will continue its endeavour to persuade these groups to abjure violence. My Government will Keep the doors open for dialogue to find a satisfactory solution to the problem of insurgency.
16. Over the preceding months my Government has taken several steps to modernise and improve the functioning of the police force. Through upgraded weaponry, mobility, communications and technical capabilities.
17. My Government has constituted a committee of police Reforms. It is expected to recommend to improve the effectiveness of the police force. The committee has also been tasked with consideration of measures to improve police public interface, involve communities in combating criminal and terrorist activity, and enhance citizen awareness of their duties.
18. My Government recognises the imperative to develop constructive interaction and mutual understanding, amongst people and the police force setup to serve their needs. The model of community policing projects and community liaison Groups will be developed further to

promote accountability and enlarge the sense of mutual confidence.

19. In November 2001, several projects were initiated to bring the people and the police on common platforms of thought and endeavour. The 'Answers' project addresses issues related to children and conflict. The '*Prahari*' project promotes police-people cooperation and encourages the police to act as a catalyst for creative community action, under the 'Green Earth' project, the police force will taken up activities of improvement of the environment.
20. My Government has taken another significant step, of directing the setting up of Grievance Redressal cells for women in each district. These will be headed by the District Superintendent of police. They will oversee the speedy investigation of crimes against women, and act to redress their grievances.

Governance & Administration:

21. My Government recognises the need to review and transform systems of administration and delivery of services, and restore confidence in governmental systems. Several measures have been initiated to make them more approachable, efficient and transparent. These have received encouraging support and response from the people.
22. The *Raijor Podulit Raijor Sarkar (RPRS)* initiative represents a significant step on the road to bringing Government and the people closer. It is a sincere attempt to create awareness about the schemes and activities of Government and to create a repository of information on felt needs. The RPRS will enhance the positive in-

terface between Government and the people, and channel services through single window and easily accessible systems. It represents a partnership with the people, and a means of empowering them.

23. The RPRS is more than a mass contact programme and an activity. It is a part of a people centred process, a grievance location and redressal system, and an operational format to bring Government to the people. The response to the two rounds of RPRS held so far has been exceptional. My Government will continue the programme with even more dedication.
24. District facilitation centres have been set up in every district. To assist the public in their interface with Government instructions have been issued to officials to tour regularly, especially to remote areas. Directions have been issued to executing departments to erect signboards at work sites displaying information on the physical and financial aspects of the activity.
25. My Government has promulgated and issued a 12 - point work Ethics' instruction, to be followed by every employee. It incorporates wide ranging guidelines governing the manner in which public servants carry out their duties.

Administrative Reforms & Training:

26. The Assam Administrative Staff College (AASC) has emerged as one of the leading repositories of Knowledge and training skills in the country, in the field of public and developmental administration. It has been recognised not only as a regional training centre of excellence of excellence, but also as an institution equipped with the human resources and infrastructure to be able to impart skills at the National level.

27. During the year, a large number of training courses, workshops and seminars were conducted for diverse organisations- State Government, the Government of India, NGOs, international organisations and specialised agencies. In 2002-03, it is expected that the AASC would continue to impart skills, and expand its field of activities, taking on more professional and training assignments.
28. The Government is the single largest employer in the State. It is conscious of the potential inherent in this vast pool of manpower. It will seek to enhance the capabilities and output of its employees, through performance enhancement and professional training capacity building, and wider exposure.
29. My Government will bring out a State Training policy, reflecting its intent to put in effect a systematic approach to training and upskilling. The approach will be to provide, to the extent possible, training skills at the workplace, and reorient practical and professionally relevant

Pension & Public Grievances:

30. My Government will strive to ensure that matters relating to the pensioners of the State Government receive prompt and other retirement benefits system of monitoring and periodic review of public grievances is proposed to be established.

Implementation of Assam Accord:

31. My Government stands committed to the effective implementation of the provisions of the Assam Accord.

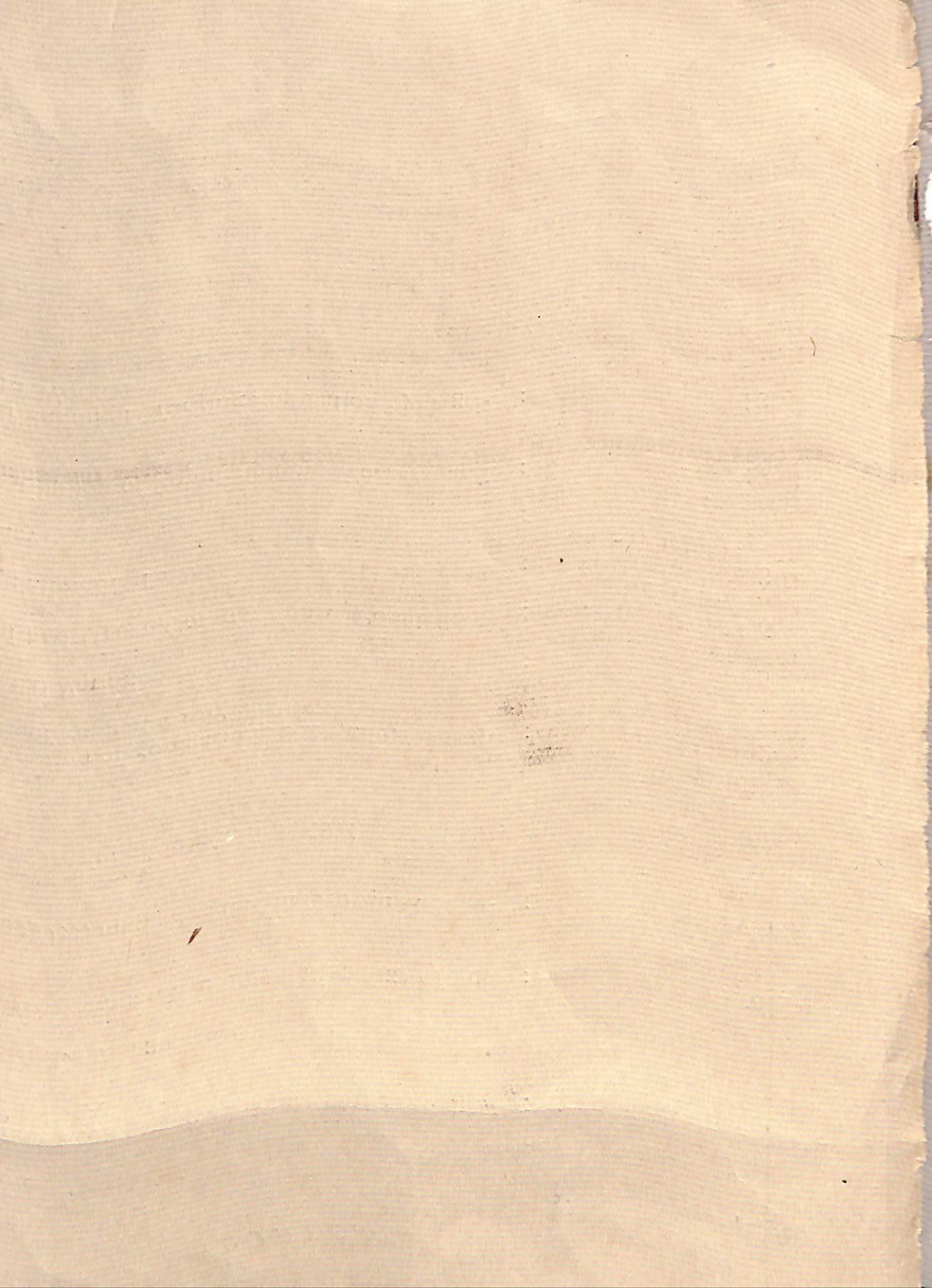
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32. We are proceeding apace with measures to protect, promote and document to rich cultural heritage of the State. The *Sankardeva Kalaksetra* has already become known as one of the leading cultural centres in the country. In the *Sankardeva Kalaksetra* complex, the construction of 2 auditoriums, with a seating capacity of 1250 and 300 respectively will be taken up. The third phase of work on the modernisation of the *Jyoti Chitran* film Studio will also be taken up.

33. We will continue to interact with the Government of India to resolutely pursue action to ensure the accomplishment of key areas of action under the Assam Accord, including (a) the Assam Gas Cracker project and (b) expediting construction of a road-cum-rail bridge over the Brahmaputra river at Bogibeel.

34. My Government stands committed to check illegal infiltration, and to detect and deport illegal migrants, under the provisions of law. At the same time, it will be ensured that there is no harassment of construction of border road-cum-fencing on the Indo-Bangladesh border will be completed by March 2002, and that work on the second phase would be taken up there after.

Hill Areas:

35. The Government accords a high priority to the development of the two Hill Districts. Greater autonomy has been given to the Councils in Karbi Anglong and the North Cachar Hills. At the initiative of my Government, elections to the two Autonomous Hill Councils were held and concluded successfully in December 2001.

36. To enable the councils to finance expenditure under vari-

ous transferred schemes funds are released on a half yearly basis.

37. The Government Seeks to conserve the fragile environment and ecology of the hill districts. Critical programmes in this respect are the integrated Jhumia development programme and the Watershed Development project for Shifting Cultivation Areas.
38. Under the PMGRY, funds have been allocated for core sectors including education and nutrition, and especially for the rural sector, for roads, electrification, water supply, and shelter.
39. The Hill Areas will receive the highest priority form the Government in matters of allocation of plan funds.

Welfare of S C, S T & Backward Classes:

40. My Government is strongly and deeply committed to the welfare and upliftment of SC, ST and OBC communities, and to provide them opportunities for development and advancement.
41. In 2002-03, the Department proposes to continue its programmes and schemes in different areas of activity, notably in the provisioning of educational infrastructure, scholarships, and vocational training.
42. My Government has made sincere efforts, thought a process of discussion and dialogue to identify and meet the aspirations of the plains tribal communities of our State.
43. The particular issue of the provision of functional autonomy to the people of the areas in which a large number of Bodo people reside has received the atten-

tion of my Government. The Government of Assam desires of Assam desires a lasting solution to this problem, one that protects the rights of all sections, and can be operationalised at the earliest.

44. It is in this context that my Government have no objection to the creation of Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) with Constitutional protection under a modified Sixth Schedule in the Constitution with specific and adequate safeguards for the protection of rights of non Bodos in respect of political economic, land settlement and rights, employment and official language etc. matters. My Government will seek to allay the apprehensions of all the people who live in these areas, in a spirit of constructive cooperation and mutual understanding.

45. The distinguished Members of the House will recall the commitment extended in my address in may 2001, to take up with the Government of India in respect of according the status of Scheduled Tribes to particular communities of our State. My Government has since taken up with the Government of India to accord the Status of Scheduled Tribes to the Koch- Rajbongshi, Tea & ex- Tea Garden, Ahom, chutiya, Motak and Moran communities.

Welfare of Minorities:

46. My Government is deeply is committed to the welfare of the minorities of the State, and of the people residing in the char areas.

47. In the year 2002-2003 my Government will continue to provide for a variety of developmental interventions, covering vocational training and provision of basic serv-

ices including health care, drinking water supply and primary education.

48. The Assam Minorities Development Board (AMDB) Proposes to continue its activities, including training of health workers provision of vocational training, Supporting income generating activities, and creation of educational infrastructure.

49. The State Government has successfully conducted elections to the 'Assam Board' of wakf. This is a Major Step forward in making it functional, thereby fulfilling the commitment made in my address to this distinguished House in May-2001.

Development of Women:

50. My Government stands committed to the recognition and provision of equal status of women, and the enabling of economic opportunity.

51. The Government will work towards the elimination of gender bias in its functioning.

52. We will take steps to translate these commitments in to reality, through administrative measures and the taking of special schemes targeted at women.

Social Welfare :

53. My Government will continue to implement schemes for the welfare of those suffering from disabilities of various forms, and for the less privileged members of society. It will seek to maintain an adequate level of support for institutions established to provide for the needs of such persons, including institutions providing support

for those enduring hearing, visual or other physical disabilities, and the under-privileged.

54. My Government will continue to implement schematic interventions to support opportunities for self employment for rural woman, as well as the provision of supplementary nutrition of children .

Agriculture:

55. My Government recognises the primacy of agriculture in the economy of the State. It will provide in its programmes and policies a special emphasis on development of the agriculture sector.

56. Steps have been taken for the formulation of State Agriculture policy. This policy will reflect the areas of emphasis of my Government poverty alleviation crop diversification, horticulture, mechanisation infrastructure development, induction of integrated farming systems and capacity building of the Farm Management committees (FMCs)

57. Increased and sustained production of rice has made it possible for the Government to encourage the diversification of agricultural production, with an emphasis on wheat , pulses maize and oilseeds.

58. The development of horticulture and floriculture, and the commercialisation of homestead or bari cultivation offer vast prospects of employment and income generation. The setting up of the Technology Mission on Horticultural development for the North East has provided impetus to our own efforts in this direction.

59. A special emphasis will be placed on the development

of agrihorticultural practices, including poultry, dairy and fishery. This will be operationalised through an Integrated Farming System Approach, developed by the Department in collaboration with the Assam Agricultural University.

60. My Government has set up the Assam Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (ASFAC). This is in the nature of a venture capital fund, and will facilitate the realisation of commercial lines of opportunities in the agrihorticultural sector. The Department of Agriculture will provide technological assistance, support the establishment of a cold chain, and facilitate market linkages.
61. We propose to augment the marketing infrastructure for agricultural and horticultural produce. The Department proposes to provide common facilities, market intelligence and export facilitation services. My Government will observe the year 2002 as 'Spices year'. It will support the expansion of black pepper cultivation in the State, as well as other major spices such as ginger and turmeric.
62. My Government has set up a multi-Disciplinary Task Force in each district. This will act as a single window consultancy and clearance agency to catalyse and promote activities in the agri-Horticultural and allied sectors.
63. The Agricultural university has developed a number of drought and flood resistant varieties of paddy. In addition high yielding and short duration varieties have been developed.
64. My Government has taken a significant initiative to augment the availability of quality seeds, though the pro-

motion of 'seed villages' in each Agriculture Extension Officer (AEO) Circle. 383 such villages are already participating in this programme.

65. My Government has initiated a proposal to implement with World Bank support a Second phase of the ARIASP project, covering different areas of activity in the agriculture and rural sectors.

Co-operatives:

66. My Government recognises the contribution of the co-operative movement to the growth and development of Assam, and the enormous potential inherent in the co-operatives to generate economic activity at the grass root level.

67. We propose to strengthen and empower the cooperative sector, through a process enabling them to be driven and managed democratically by their members, to function autonomously and efficiently.

68. My Government will pay particular attention to the issue of rural credit. In consonance with the recommendations of the committee on Rural credit established by the Government of India, we will seek to revitalise the structure of cooperative credit.

Panchayat & Rural Development:

69. In my address to this august House in May 2001, I had spoken of the commitment of my Government to hold elections to the Panchayats within the year. I am now pleased and privileged to panchayats with the year. I am now pleased and privileged to be able to state that elections to the panchayats were conducted successfully, in December 2001, after a long gap of six years.

70. The peaceful conduct of the elections is not just a remarkable achievement. It also reflects the people's desire for development, to see an end to violence, and participate in the processes of Government.
71. As a part of the process of empowerment, the department has taken up a programme of capacity building of representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions. This Programme is intended to acquaint them with the policies, programmes and schemes of Government. It will sensitise and equip them in spheres relevant to their responsibilities.
72. My Government is taking the process of people's participation further, especially in the pivotal area of rural development. In this sector, schemes and activities have been reoriented to make them people centred, and draw on the state's age-old reservoir of strength of community.
73. The Department is engaged in an exercise of capacity building for rural youth through the State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD). This is intended to equip them with the skills, managerial expertise and technical Knowledge required to avail of the growing opportunities for self-employment.
74. The SIRD has taken up the task of promoting farmer's Service Centres (FSCs). These are designed to enable the educated unemployed to offer services to the rural sector, including mechanisation, and the supply of quality inputs. A number of self help Groups (SHGs) have been developed, to catalyse the increased mechanisation of agricultural activity. The SIRD will continue to provide

support for the creation of self-employment opportunities, especially for woman, through activities in the poultry, duck farming and dairy sub-sectors.

75. My Government has undertaken to revitalise key schematic interventions such as the Mid-Day Meal scheme. Currently, there kilogrammes of rice a month are being provided to students in over thirty thousand Government and Government assisted lower and lower primary schools in the State.

Animal Husbandry & Veterinary:

76. My Government has continued to make efforts to augment milk, meat and egg production in the State, and to provide health coverage for livestock.
77. Under the ARIASP programme a frozen semen production centres at Khanapara and Kaliapani (Jorhat) were Commissioned in July and October 2001 respectively, b) a disease diagnostic laboratory at Sibsagar began functioning in October 2001, c) 415 Artificial Insemination Centres are functioning in different parts of the State, d) 100 animal fodder nursery plots have been identified e) the Duck Farms at Siphajar, Hajo and Joysagar have been revitalised, and f) exotic pig breeds have been introduced at the khanapara Morigaon, Kaliapani and Khanikar farms.
78. The Central Chick Rearing Farm at Khanapara has been identified as the nodal farm for the duck industry.
79. A National Centre for pig Research, at Rani has been approved by the Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) 17 bighas of land allotted by the State have recently been handed over to the ICAR.

80. My Government has taken up a programme of training entrepreneurs in livestock and poultry farming and meat processing 22 pig and poultry villages are proposed to be set up in the vicinity of existing departmental farms. In each designated village, about 50 beneficiaries will be provided technical support to set up farms. The Department also proposes to establish livestock estates in each district, to enable the taking up of livestock related economic activity by unemployed youth.
81. The Swarnadhenu scheme has been launched from 30th January 2002, with the objective of developing high yielding cattle.
82. My Government is in the process of formulating for the state a breeding policy for milch animals.

Fishery :

83. In the current year the department of Fisheries is continuing ongoing schemes with a target of 393 hectares of farmer's ponds and community tanks. 145 demonstration projects and almost 200 hectares of beel and open water fisheries are being taken up for development.
84. My government has enunciated a fish seed policy, to promote and ensure the production, and distribution of fish seed for this vital sector of the economy.

Handloom, Textiles & Sericulture:

85. Sericulture is an agro-based cottage industry. It is a part of our tradition and heritage, and plays an important role in the rural economy Assam possesses the uncommon distinction of producing all four major varie-

- ties of commercial silk- eri, muga, mulberry and tassar. Our State has a virtual monopoly in the world in muga production, and a dominant share of eri.
86. My Government is committed to the development of the sericulture sector. It will seek to expand production and productivity, and disseminate new technologies that will add to the income of rearers, reelers, spinners and weavers. New markets will be developed through product development and diversification.
87. Last year muga production attained an all time high of 94 metric tonnes, an achievement of which the State and its people can be proud. My Government is committed to measures that will make this, and even higher production feasible and sustainable.
88. The induction of reeling and twisting machines over the past year, in significant numbers, has increased productivity, and enabled the production of higher quality yarn.
89. The present level of eri production is almost 500 metric tonnes. There is considerable scope for expansion. My Government will work in close collaboration with the central Silk Board to provide support to eri rearers. As in the muga sector, reeling and spinning machines have been developed and commercialised over the last year. These will be inducted in significant numbers to provide for steady supply of high quality yarn.
90. The National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad has been entrusted with a project, specifically to support the development of eri products, and forge market linkages for these products.

91. The achievements in sericulture have been enabled by the active participation of rearer communities and NGOs, and the adoption of an inclusive approach to seed production, involving for the first time, private grainages.
92. The Department will take steps in 2002-03 to upgrade and modernise its existing seed farms, and enhance the availability of food material through plantations and dissemination of nursery stock.
93. The handloom sector is increasingly moving towards commercialisation. In the process, traditional skills are being utilised and transformed to create new products and markets. A major initiative to develop and promote handloom products for foreign markets is proposed to be taken up Shortly. The Government will take steps to modernise looms, develop infrastructure, and provide further marketing opportunities.

Industries:

94. New vistas of employment income and opportunity have opened on Assam's industrial horizon through a series of initiatives taken by Government.
95. Under the chief minister's Swa Niyojan Yojana, my Government has taken up an innovative scheme to promote entrepreneurship skills for self for self-employment. A hundred and fifty unemployed young men and women from the State are currently undergoing a six-month attachment with selected industrial establishments in Ludhiana, Hyderabad, Lucknow and Bangalore. On their return, they will be guided and assisted by the Industries Department to become full- fledged entrepreneurs. Another two hundred and fifty youth will be sent in the current year to other States - to Gujarat, Karnataka and Maharashtra.

96. Assam is poised to take full advantage of the Industrial policy declared by the Government of India for the North-East. Based on the Excise duty and income tax concessions in the policy, and my Government's pro-active measures, a number of industrial houses have come forward to set up manufacturing units in Assam. In the preceding six months industries relating to the manufacture of diverse products- paints, detergents, cosmetics and mosquito repellents- have been set up. This has 100 crores, with larger flows of capital anticipated in the near future.
97. The Government is aware of the tremendous potential afforded by international trade. Border Trade Centres (BTCs) intended to act as nodal and facilitation units to promote exports are being established at Sutarkandi and Mankachar.
98. The tea sector contributes significantly to the generation of income and the provision of employment in the State. The well being of the industry, including its small grower segment is consequently a matter of interest to the State. My Government has noted with concern the current adverse market conditions faced by the tea industry. We would seek to work in close collaboration with the Government of India, and with representatives of different constituents of the sector to evolve measures which can make possible the revival of an upward path of growth and employment for the industry.

Information Technology:

99. My Government is conscious of the potential afforded by Information Technology (IT) and its applications, and the opportunities for employment, connectivity and information sharing.

100. The Assam Electronics Development Corporation has been assigned nodal responsibilities for the promotion of information Technology. The fullest use will be made of the infrastructure and capabilities of the National Informalities centre.

101. My Government will continue to take up with Government of India. The agencies concerned, and Interned Service providers to improve the quality and outreach of Interned related services in the State.

102 we have launched web sites for all 23 districts that are being updated regularly. These contain comprehensive data about the district, and on developmental schemes and services provided by the Government. They have been designed to be easily accessible and user friendly.

103 My Government will take up the task of setting up tele and video conferencing facilities at District and State Headquarters. This will enable improved as well as cost effective coordination and communication.

104. The Community Information Centre (CTC) scheme of the Government of India has been taken up by my Government. The Scheme envisages the setting up of an of an IT based information hub in each development block of the State. The establishment of CICs is a radical step, potentially far reaching in its impact. They will give to the rural public easy and speedy access to Government services. Though the Interned the CICs will serve as an educational medium, bringing new technology and knowledge to the remotest corners of Assam.

105. Sixty five CICs have already been sanctioned, and fifteen are fully functional. By Independence Day this year, CICs are Proposed to be operationalised in all 219 De-

velopment Blocks in the State.

106. My Government will seek to computerise Government offices, Induct elements of e- governance and deliver through the use of information technology public services efficiently and transparently. It will encourage local entrepreneurs to develop IT based applications for use in Government and other sectors.

107. My Government has completed a review of all the 49 State Level public Enterprises (SLPEs) under 22 Administrative Departments. It has finalised enterprise - wise recommendations for reform, restructuring and re-orientation. In 2002-03 my Government will seek to operationalise the recommendations of the review.

108. It will continue the process of updating of accounts of the SLPEs. The Department will provide technical and managerial assistance to them, and arrange human resource development programmes for their personnel.

Labour & Employment:

109. My Government will in 2002-03, continue to provide training and impart skill to the unemployed youth of the State. This will be done through the 24 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and through craftsmen and apprentice Training schemes.

110. Having secured the approval of the Government of India for the package, my Government will take up a) establishment of 4 new ITIs, at Morigaon, Dibrugarh, Hailakandi and Goalpara, b) a programme of modernisation of existing ITIs, and c) a programme of training of instructors and local youth in advanced courses outside the State.

Excise:

111. My Government is deeply aware of the adverse impact on society and individuals of narcotic and forms of drug addiction. This growing menace will be countered by a revitalised Assam State Anti Drug and prohibition Council. The Council will be entrusted with the responsibility of creating Social awareness and mobilising public opinion to tackle this problem.

Power:

112. The power Sector is key to the provisioning of infrastructure in the State. My Government is making serious efforts to augment power availability and improve its reliability. Amongst the measures to enhance generation are the renovation and modernisation of the Lakwa and Namrup thermal power stations, and proposed project for utilisation of the waste heat of Lakwa thermal power station.
113. Strengthening of Transmission losses, programmes of energy audit, metering and system Improvement have been taken up. Notably, the revenue of the Assam State Electricity Board from sale of energy during 2001-02 has shown an increase of about 20% over the previous year.
114. Nine hundred unserved villages are proposed to be electrified during 2002-03. My Government will seek to electrify the remaining villages within 2007, in accordance with National policy.
115. In the context of the process of reform and restructuring, a one-man Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (AERC) has been established in August 2001. The

Commission has been given an extensive mandate, covering tariff fixation, adjudication of disputes regulation of power purchase and procurement, and coordination environmental regulatory agencies.

Public Works:

116. My Government is responsive to the need to strengthen the road transportation network, to provide for better connectivity, especially in rural areas, and to provide access to and form markets.

117. In the current financial year we have taken up under the State plan, construction of 2 RCC bridges, 199 kilometres of road length for metalling and black-topping and 35 kilometres of roads for improvement. 165 kilometres of road length have been taken up under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for metalling and black-topping.

118. The National Highways network has also received attention, with activities of bridge construction, widening, raising and improvement of riding quality having been taken up. There has been substantial activity and progress in the work related to construction of border roads and fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh border.

119. The Department has taken up work with loan assistance from NABARD, from funds made available by HUDCO, and under the world Bank assisted ARIASP project. A major flyover at Ganeshguri in Guwahati has become functional. Work on the Ulubari flyover in Guwahati is continuing.

120. The Department is engaged in widespread building activity This includes work at Raj Bhawan, at the Legisla-

tive Assembly, and the construction of a multistoried building at the Secretariat complex.

Flood Control:

121. My Government accords a high priority to addressing the issue of recurring floods and the issue of recurring floods and accompanying devastation.
122. Given the scale of the problem, its inter-State nature and implications, and the magnitude of the resources needed, we seek to work in conjunction with the Government of India and its agencies. We would continue to Stress to the Central Government the need to declare it as a ' National problem' and to expedite the implementation and completion of critical projects.
123. On its part, my Government will continue the implementation of schemes to stabilise existing flood control structures. It proposes to take up new schemes to cover additional flood-prone areas under protective measures, with resources from the State, the NEC, and the non-lapsable pool of central resources.
124. The continuing and large-scale erosion along the Brahmaputra and its tributaries is a cause of serious concern. My Government will continue schematic interventions in the form of anti-erosion measures, and take up new schemes in unprotected areas.
125. My Government is also examining new and innovative approaches for flood management, which go beyond traditional engineering solutions we in our State cannot wish away the floods but we can seek to harness the bounty of nature in constructive ways. Such approaches will stress the development of appropriate rural infra-

structure and agricultural packages. They will base themselves on natural drainage patterns, and seek to manage floods, not necessarily to control them.

Irrigation:

126. The Government is committed to expansion of the irrigated area, to support enhanced production and productivity in the agriculture sector. Work is currently in progress on a number of major\ medium projects and minor irrigation schemes. My Government will construct, and will complete ongoing irrigation projects which will add substantially to the State's realisation of its irrigation potential.

127. To optimally utilise the investment in irrigation facilities over the years, my Government will stress the maintenance and repair of irrigation assets and their management through community based participation. As a first step, the Irrigation. Department has embarked on a new and innovative policy to form associations of water users, and to involve them in maintenance and management.

Public Health Engineering:

128. My Government is committed to pursuing its goal providing safe drinking water facilities in all habitations in rural areas. There is a particular emphasis on habitations that presently have no access to safe drinking water, and those that are only partially covered.

129. It is intended to encourage the participation of communities in the operation and maintenance of rural water supply and sanitation facilities. In this context, a pilot

programme in there districts (Jorhat, Kamrup and Sonitpur) to train grassroot level beneficiaries has been taken up.

130. In The rural sector the construction of low cost sanitation facilities, for households and in schools has been emphasised. It is proposed to take up under a community- oriented programme eight districts, for provision of such facilities. Awareness programmes will also taken up through NGOs.

Health & Family Welfare:

131. My Government is committed to the development and expansion of basic health care. As a key element of this approach, we will complete partially constructed health care facilities, and repair and renovate existing facilities, in particular in rural areas. In the year 2002-03, It is proposed to repair 82 community Health Centres, and 172 primary health centres and State Dispensaries. This will enable the expansion of health care facilities in rural areas.
132. It is also proposed to strengthen District and sub divisional level Hospitals. Construction of 200 bedded Hospitals at Tezpur, North Lakhimpur, Nagaon, Nalbari, Goalpara, Mangaldoi, Karimganj, Barpeta and Haflong are in progress. Construction of 100 bedded sub- divisional level Hospitals are also in progress, at Sadiya, Nazira, Charaideu, Majuli, Udalguri, Rangia, Hat Singimari, Bilasipara and Hajo.
133. In addition to blood banks, six regional diagnostic centres are proposed to established in selected District level Hospitals. In the Tenth plan, with support from NEC

funding, nine Accident and Trauma Care Centres are planned to be set up in selected District level Hospitals.

134. In the current year, my Government has made significant changes in the drug purchase policy, to ensure the availability of standard quality drugs.

135. The formation of autonomous and participative Structures of management for District and sub- Divisional level hospitals are under the active consideration of my Government. It is expected that these structures, in the form of autonomous and empowered societies, will provide for better management of hospitals, and an impetus to the attainment of the health goals of the State.

136. My Government proposes to introduce super- specialisation in the three Medical Colleges, with support from the NEC and from Government of India. It is also proposed to establish facilities of tele- medicine in the Medical Colleges, with support from the Government of India.

137. My Government will lay emphasis on the enforcement of public health laws, including the Anti- Smoking Act, the Mental Health Act, and the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act.

138. The Government is Committed to the implementation of National programmes for malaria, blindness control, prevention of AIDS, tuberculosis and cancer, as well as family welfare programmes.

Education:

139. My Government continues to be committed to the improvement of the quality of elementary and secondary education, and to the streamlining of the systems of the

administration of education.

140. As a first step, my Government has reconstituted the Managing committees of schools at the primary, elementary and secondary level. The reconstituted committees have been empowered, with administrative and financial powers, and in the process of selection of teachers. Despite a relatively favourable overall pupil-teacher ratio, there steps to rationalise the deployment of teachers in schools, taking into account the actual requirement.

141. The Sarve Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) is under implementation in non-DPEP districts, through a State level society, the Axom Sarva Siksha Abhiyan. The SSA is not merely a funding scheme, but a catalyst for reform. It has emerged as a primary instrument for attainment of the goal of universalisation of primary education. The core elements of the SSA include: a) improvement of the quality of education through training, and development of textbooks and teacher handbooks and training, b) access to schooling for disadvantaged groups, c) strengthening and capacity building of educational support institutions, d) community ownership of school based interventions.

142. My government has taken steps for preparation of a perspective plan for the implementation of the SSA in the State with assistance from the National Institute of Educational Planning & Administration (NIEPA)

143. My Government is mindful of the need to place an emphasis on the development of professional education. The State Universities have been directed to take up opportunity and market oriented courses, in information technology and other spheres.

Sports & Youth Welfare:

144. Our State is a vast pool of talent on the sports field. Our young sportswomen have achieved laudable successes in competitions at the National level, in the disciplines of football, Cricket Swimming, Table tennis and badminton. They have made a mark in the international arena too, representing the country in badminton, swimming, Cricket and football. My Government will encourage and nurture this talent.

145. My Government is committed to the implementation of an action plan for rural sports and to activation of youth organisations. It will continue its programmes for creation of sports infrastructure, holding of coaching camps and tournaments and encouraging our youth to participate in adventure sports and mountaineering.

Revenue, Relief & Rehabilitation:

146. The Revenue Department is taking steps for the rational and effective management of land, our primary natural resource.

147. The Department has completed settlement operations in Karimganj district and prepared fresh land records. Survey and settlement operations in Jonai, Dhemaji and Sadiya have been completed. A process of reassessment of lands in towns, and in rural areas has recently been announced. These measures are expected to update records, records, rationalise the use of land, and enhance the realisation of land revenue.

148. In addition to the ongoing schemes of char survey in Lower Assam, It is proposed to take up new schemes of survey in Upper Assam.

149. The Department is taking steps to computerise land records. This will make the system of record keeping more efficient, and the records easily accessible to land owners and users.
150. During 2001 the State was hit by one wave of flood, from 31st July. This extended into the first week of August, and as many as fifteen districts were affected. The Government has so far incurred an expenditure of over Rs. 13 crores, in the form of gratuitous relief, rehabilitation grants, funds for repair of roads, bridges and embankments, and for provision of rabi seeds to farmers.
151. During the year, the Department continued relief measures in Kokrajhar and Dhubri districts and its activities of providing relief to persons affected by ethnic violence, in the form of ex-gratia and rehabilitation grants, and financial assistance. The Department also extended financial assistance to the next of kin of persons killed by extremists in the State.

Forests:

152. My Government is committed to a policy of protection and conservation of our forest wealth, and to preserving the rich and unique bio-diversity of our State. During the year 2002-03 an area of 65 square kilometres is proposed to be brought under tree cover, and more than 2.5 million seedlings distributed under social forestry programmes.
153. Efforts will be made to enhance revenue collection during 2002-03 through settlement of mahals and disposal of timber under Government stock, in a manner consistent with the judgment on the subject of the supreme

Court. The Department will step up its efforts to collect arrears of revenue.

154. In consonance with the National Forest policy, Participatory forest management models will be implemented, Through the process of Joint Forest Management (JFM). Guidelines will soon be finalised, and a JFM action plan will be prepared with assistance form the Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI).

Soil Conservation:

155. The Soil conservation department seeks to develop agricultural land through the adoption of soil conservation practices. These include river training, afforestation, gully control and land development. In 2002-03, the Department will continue to take up such schemes, in the process generating employment as well.

Town & Country Planning, Municipal Administration & Guwahati Development:

156. In the current year, draft Master plans for Dhubri and Kokrajhar were prepared and the Master plan for Silchar town was revised. Final Master plans for Sonari & Karimganj were completed, and these are under scrutiny. Draft Master plans for eight towns are under preparation and seven Master plans are under revision.

157. In 2002-03, it is proposed to take up additional towns for preparation of Master plans. The Coverage of the Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT) scheme, as well as the National Slum Development programme (NSDP) is proposed to be expanded. It is also proposed, under the Integrated basic Services(IBS) programme, to provide basic amenities to slum dwellers, and construct night shelters with sani-

tation facilities for footpath dwellers.

158. A major programme of improvement of storm drainage is currently under implementation in Guwahati. The extension of the Kamakhya water supply scheme is in Guwahati. The extension of the kamakhya water supply scheme is in progress. In addition. In the year 2002-03, the Guwahati Metropolitan area Development Authority proposes to take up a number of schemes. These include the strengthening of infrastructural facilities, provision of parking, community toilets, crematoria, and the enforcement of the Master plan and building by-laws. The issue of revision of rates of property taxes, trade licenses and entry fees is under consideration, as a part of measures to enable the Guwahati Municipal corporation to raise resources for the provision of urban services.

159. The municipal Administration Department proposes to take up a number of schemes for urban local bodies in 2002-03, including infrastructural development garbage collection and safe disposal, and construction of markets in selected towns.

Food & Civil Supplies:

160. My Government will continue its efforts to streamline the public Distribution System, to ensure that essential commodities are made available, in particular to persons living below the poverty line.

161. The Department has commenced implementation of the Antyodaya Anna Yojana, targeted at the poorest of the poor. Under the scheme, such families are being provided with 25 Kilogrammes of rice each month.

162. Implementation of another pioneering scheme, the

Annapurna scheme has commenced. Almost 26,000 destitute and helpless persons are proposed to be covered under its provisions.

Transport:

163. My government has taken up the restructuring of the Assam State Transport corporation (ASTC) coupled with an attractive VRS package. It has also been decided that ASTC services will operate to and from every district headquarter. ASTC has begun a new scheme of operating private buses under the ASTC banner on a 'fare - share' basis for increasing revenue. The scheme has received an encouraging response.

Tourism:

164. My Government is committed to making efforts to realise the enormous tourist potential of our State. This is sought to be achieved through the provisioning of infrastructure, marketing and promotion, and conduct of tourist events. The active participation of the private sector in the development of tourism is being sought.
165. There has been an encouraging response to the efforts of the department. This is reflected in an increasing number of tourist arrivals. An annual cycle of tourism promotion events has been initiated, including the Tea Tourism festival, the Guwahati Beach festival and the Dehing-Patkai festival. These events have received a notable response. The participation in trade and tourism events in other parts of the country and abroad has also generated considerable interest.

Science, Technology & Environment:

166. My Government attaches a high priority to the development of science and technology, and application in different fields of developmental activity.
167. The encouragement of a scientific disposition, harnessing of scientific knowledge in support of development, and dissemination of appropriate technologies are pivotal elements of the Department's approach. It will, through its programmes, strive to generate awareness and scientific temper, beginning at the school level
168. Amongst the major areas of focus of the department are non-conventional energy and the application of remote sensing techniques. In the year 2002-03, the Department will support the wider utilisation of the potential afforded by non conventional energy, and promote the use of data generated through remote sensing techniques by Government and other users.
169. My Government will continue to develop and augment research facilities in research institutions in the State, in particular at the Institute of advanced Study in Science and Technology, and the Centre for plasma physics
170. I have placed before you our intent, policies and programmes. My Government is Committed to their Implementation, and to the realisation of the objectives set out by them. We will strive to make Assam a progressive and prosperous State, a land of opportunity and advancement.
171. The deliberations of the House take at a critical juncture of our State's history, one that presents many challenges. Mr. Speaker, and Honourable members of the House in these challenges lie opportunities, the making of history

and the future of generations yet unborn is in your hands.

172. My Government is profoundly conscious of the immense responsibility given to us by the people of Assam. Our mandate from them is based on hope and aspiration, the people have placed their trust in us. We will make every endeavour to fulfill their expectations.

173. In this task my Government seeks the cooperation of all, irrespective of affiliation, and urges them to join hands in a coalition for change, a partnership for progress, an alliance for Assam.

(Then the Hon'ble Governor took his seat and the National Anthem, was played again. After the National Anthem, the Governor left the House).

Joi Hind

Mr Speaker : Now under sub-rule 2 of Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly. I hereby report that the Governor has been pleased to a speech. A copy of the speech has ready been laid on the table and pies of the speech have been distributed to the Hon'ble Members also. Tea and snacks have been arranged in the Central Hall of the Assembly Building in Honour of the Hon'ble Governor. I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Ministers of States, Hon'ble Members of the House, Chief Secretary, Commissioners, Secretaries to the Govt. of Assam, D.G.P., D.I.Gs and other senior Police Officers and the Head of he Departments presents in the Officer's Gallery, Gentlemen of the Press in the Press Gallery including Electronic media persons, Official Reporters join the Hon'ble Governor at tea arranged in Central Hall.

Now, the House stands adjourned for 30 minutes.

MOTION OF THANKS ON GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

(The house reassembled at 10-35 AM after tea break with Hon'ble Speaker in the Chair.)

Mr. Speaker : Now, item No. 2, I have received a notice on the motion of thanks from Wazed Ali Choudhury, Hon'ble Member. I now request Shri Wazed Ali Choudhury to move the motion.

Shri Wazed Ali Choudhury : Sir, I beg to move that the members of the Assam Legislative Assembly are grateful to the Hon'ble Governor for the speech he has delivered in this house today the 1st March, 2002.

Mr. Speaker : Now, I request Shri Ripun Bora, Hon'ble Members to move his motion.

Shri Ripun Bora : Sir, I second the motion.

★ডঃ জয়নাথ শর্মা : পইন্ট অৱ অৰ্ডাৰ চাৰ। চাৰ, আমি কিছুমান প্ৰশ্ন দিছিলো কিন্তু কোনো কথা নাই, বতৰা নাই গোটেই প্ৰশ্ন বিলাক ৰিটাৰ্ণ দিছে। ডি, আৰ, ডি, এৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত এই প্ৰশ্ন বিলাক দিয়া হৈছিল কিন্তু প্ৰশ্ন বিলাক উভটাই দিছে।

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : আপুনি মোৰ চেম্বাৰলৈ আহি এই বিষয়ে আলোচনা কৰিব।

★ডঃ জয়নাথ শর্মা : চাৰ, যোৱা কালি ৰাতি এইখন নটিচু দিছে কিন্তু তাত কোনো কাৰণ দেখুওৱা হোৱা নাই।

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : আপুনি এজন চিনিয়ৰ মেম্বাৰ। আপুনি মোৰ চেম্বাৰলৈ আহি আলোচনা কৰিব।

★ডঃ জয়নাথ শর্মা : টাইমৰ কথা নহয় চাৰ। কি কাৰণত মোৰ প্ৰশ্ন বিলাক কেনচেল কৰা হৈছে? চৰকাৰ এক্সপোজ হয় বুলি ডি, আৰ, ডি, এৰ প্ৰশ্ন বিলাক ঘূৰাই পঠিয়াইছে।

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr Speaker : The Motion has now been moved. Debate on the Governor's Address has been allotted on 4th, 7th and 8th March, 2002. Amendment on the motion will be received by the Assembly Secretariat upto 3 P.M. on 2nd March, 2002. Hon'ble Members may submit the notice of amendment on the Motion of Thanks on Governor's Address on the time and date fixed above to the Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly or in the Notice Office if they do desire.

Now, item No. 3, Under Rule 230 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, I called the Business Advisory Committee on 8th. February, 2002 in my Office Chamber to finalise the Calendar of the current Budget Session and the Committee after threadbare discussion decided to continue the Session till 10th April, 2002. There would be 22 working days, 19 days would be devoted for transaction of Government Business and 3 days would be devoted for transaction of Private Members' Business. I think the Calendar for the current session has the approval of the Hon'ble Members of this House.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

Mr Speaker : Now item No 4. Under Rule 9 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, I now announce the names of the Members constituting the panel of Chairman for the Current Session of the Assam Legislative Assembly :—

1. Shri Dileswar Tanti.
2. Dr. Kalyan Kumar Gogoi.
3. Shri Gunin Hazarika.
4. Shri Bimalangshu Roy.

LAYING OF ORDINANCE, REPORT, STATEMENT ETC.

Mr Speaker : Item No. 5. I now call upon Sri Bhumidhar Barman, Hon.ble Minister, P & R. D. etc. to lay the Assam Panchayat (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001.

Dr. Bhumidhar Barman (Minister) : I beg to lay the Assam Panchyat (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001.

Mr Speaker : Item No. 6. I now call upon Shri Bharat Ch. Narah, Minister, Parliamentary Affairs to lay the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (R/R), Appropriation Accounts and Finance Accounts for the year 2000-2001 relating to the Govt. of Assam.

Shri Bharat Ch. Narah (Minister) : I now, lay before the House the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (R/R), Appropriation Accounts and Finance Accounts for the year 2000-2001 relating to the Govt. of Assam.

Mr Speaker : Now item No. 7. I now call upon Shri Devananda Konwar, Minister, Power to lay the Annual Statement of Accounts of the Assam State Electricity Board for the year 1998-99.

Devananda Konwar (Minister) : I now lay before the House "The Annual Statement of Accounts of Assam State Electricity Board for the year 1998-99".

Mr Speaker : I now call upon Shri Bharat Ch. Narah, Minister, Parliamentary Affairs and Chairman of the Select Committee to lay the report of the Select Committee. On the Assam Right to Information Bill, 2002".

Shri Bharat Ch. Narah (Minister) : I beg to lay before the House the Report of the Select Committee on the Assam Right to Information Bill, 2001."

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মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ ঃ এতিয়া মৃত্যু প্রসঙ্গ। ৬-১০-২০০১ তাৰিখে অসম বিধান সভাৰ অধিবেশনৰ সমাপ্তিৰ পৰা আজি ১-৩-২০০২ তাৰিখে অসম বিধান সভাৰ বাজেট অধিবেশন অনুষ্ঠিত হোৱাৰ এই কালছোৱাৰ ভিতৰত এই সদনৰ প্ৰাক্তন সদস্যকে ধৰি আমাৰ দেশ তথা ৰাজ্যৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত বিশেষ বৰঙণি আগবঢ়োৱা ভালে কেইগৰাকী বৰেণ্য ব্যক্তিৰ পৰলোক প্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। অতি দুখ আৰু ব্যথিত হৃদয়েৰে আজি এই পবিত্ৰ সদনত তলত উল্লেখিত ব্যক্তি সকলৰ বিয়োগত শোক প্ৰকাশ কৰিবলৈ লোৱা হৈছে।

১। বিশিষ্ট কূটনীতিবিদ, অবিভক্ত অসমৰ ৰাজ্যপাল, বিখ্যাত নেহৰু পৰিয়ালৰ সন্তান ব্ৰজকুমাৰ নেহৰুৰ যোৱা ২০০১ চনৰ ৩১ অক্টোবৰ দিনা হিমাচল প্ৰদেশৰ কটৌলীত দেহাৱসান ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স হৈছিল ৯২ বছৰ। জৱাহৰলাল নেহৰুৰ আদৰ্শৰে উদ্ভূত হৈ ডেকা কালতে ৰাজনীতিত প্ৰবেশ কৰা বি-কে নেহৰুৱে গান্ধীবাদকে ৰাজনীতিৰ আধাৰ হিচাপে গ্ৰহণ কৰিছিল। ১৯৩৪ চনত ভাৰতীয় অসামৰিক সেৱাত যোগদান কৰা বি-কে নেহৰুৱে ১৯৬৮ চনত অসমৰ আৰু ১৯৮২ চনত জন্ম আৰু কাশ্মীৰৰ ৰাজ্যপাল ৰূপে কাৰ্যনিৰ্বাহ কৰাৰ উপৰি কিছুদিনৰ বাবে তেখেত গুজৰাটৰো ৰাজ্যপাল পদত অধিষ্ঠিত হৈছিল। দক্ষ কূটনীতিজ্ঞ হিচাপে পৰিচিত নেহৰু ডাঙৰীয়াই আমেৰিকাত ভাৰতৰ ৰাষ্ট্ৰদূত আৰু গ্ৰেট-বুটেইনত উচ্চায়ুক্তৰূপেও কাৰ্যনিৰ্বাহ কৰিছিল। তেখেত পৰৱৰ্তী কালত ভাৰত চৰকাৰৰ দ্বাৰা পদ্মভূষণ সন্মানেৰে সন্মানিত হৈছিল। অৱসৰ গ্ৰহণৰ পিচত তেখেতে ভাৰতীয় অসামৰিক সেৱা আয়োগৰ সদস্যৰূপেও কাৰ্যনিৰ্বাহ কৰিছিল।

এই গৰাকী যশস্বী কূটনীতিজ্ঞৰ বিয়োগত দেশখনৰ এক পুৰাৰ নোৱাৰা ক্ষতি হ'ল।

২। প্ৰবীন কংগ্ৰেছ নেতা, প্ৰাক্তন বিধায়ক, দৈৱশক্তি ডেকাৰ দীৰ্ঘদিন অসুস্থতাত ভূগি থকাৰ অন্তত ১১ জানুৱাৰীত গুৱাহাটী চিকিৎসা মহাবিদ্যালয় চিকিৎসালয়ত মৃত্যু হয়। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স হৈছিল ৬০ বছৰ।

১৯৪২ চনত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা ডেকাই বিভিন্ন সামাজিক, ৰাজনৈতিক ক্ষেত্ৰত জড়িত থাকি ১৯৭৮ চনত জনতা পাৰ্টিৰ প্ৰাৰ্থী হিচাপে কমলপুৰ বিধান সভা সমষ্টিৰ পৰা অসম বিধান সভালৈ সদস্য নিৰ্বাচিত হয়। পিছলৈ তেখেতে কংগ্ৰেছ দলত যোগদান কৰি সক্ৰিয়ভাৱে দলৰ কামত আত্মনিয়োগ কৰিছিল।

এই গৰাকী ৰাজনিতিকৰ বিয়োগত অসমৰ সমাজ জীৱনৰ এক অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

৩। ভাৰতীয় কমিউনিষ্ট পাৰ্টিৰ প্ৰবীণ নেতা, প্ৰাক্তন বিধায়ক যোগেন গগৈৰ যোৱা ৯ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰীত অসম চিকিৎসা মহাবিদ্যালয় হাস্পাতালত পৰলোক প্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স হৈছিল ৮০ বছৰ।

১৯৫৬ চনতে ভাৰতীয় কমিউনিষ্ট পাৰ্টিত যোগ দি আৰ্জীৱন পাৰ্টিৰ কাম কাজ আৰু জন সেৱাত ব্ৰতী হোৱা গগৈ ডাঙৰীয়াই ১৯৭৮ চনত থাওৱা সমষ্টিৰ পৰা ভাৰতীয় কমিউনিষ্ট পাৰ্টিৰ প্ৰাৰ্থীৰূপে অসম বিধান সভালৈ সদস্য নিৰ্বাচিত হয়। তেখেতে ভাৰতৰ স্বাধীনতা আন্দোলনত সক্ৰিয়ভাৱে অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰি কেইবাবাৰো গ্ৰেপ্তাৰ হ'ব লগা হৈছিল। কৃষক সমাজৰ সা-সমস্যাৰ প্ৰতি সজাগ গগৈ ডাঙৰীয়াৰ কৃষক সমাজলৈ অৱদান যথেষ্ট। শিৱসাগৰ জিলা কৃষক সভাৰ সভাপতি, নিখিল ভাৰত কৃষক সভাৰ সদস্য হোৱাৰ উপৰিও তেখেত ইন্দো-ছোভিয়েট ফ্ৰেণ্ডশ্বিপ সন্মিলনৰ সদস্য পদ শূৰণি কৰিছিল। তেখেত গড়গাওঁ, পাটসাকো আৰু ডিমৌ কলেজৰ প্ৰতিষ্ঠাৰ সৈতে জড়িত থকাৰ উপৰিও ভালে সংখ্যক বিদ্যালয়ৰ প্ৰতিষ্ঠাপক আছিল। গগৈদেৱে শিৱসাগৰ জিলা ভাৰতীয় কমিউনিষ্ট পাৰ্টিৰ সম্পাদকৰ লগতে অসম শাখাৰ ৱৰ্কিং কমিটিৰ সদস্য ৰূপেও কাৰ্যনিৰ্বাহ কৰিছিল।

প্ৰবীণ ৰাজনীতিজ্ঞ, জননেতা, সমাজসেৱক গগৈ দেৱৰ মৃত্যুত ৰাজ্যখনৰ এক পূৰাৰ নোৱাৰা ক্ষতি হয়।

৪। প্ৰবীন মুক্তি যুদ্ধা, প্ৰাক্তন বিধায়ক গগৈৰ যোৱা ১২ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰীত ডিব্ৰুগড়ৰ তৰাতলি গাওঁৰ নিজা বাসভৱনত ৯৫ বছৰ বয়সত পৰলোক প্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে।

১৯২১ চনতে অসহযোগ আন্দোলনত যোগ দি স্বৰাজ আন্দোলনত সক্ৰিয়ভাৱে জড়িত হৈ পৰিছিল। স্বাধীনতা সংগ্ৰামত দেহেকেহে আত্মনিয়োগ কৰা তেখেতে ১৯৩০-৪৫ চনৰ কালছোৱাৰ ভিতৰত একাধিকবাৰ কাৰাবৰণ খাতিৰ লগা হৈছিল। ১৯৩৩ চনত "আদৰ্শ নাট্য সমাজ" গঠন কৰি উজনি অসমত প্ৰথম সহ-অভিনয়ৰ পাতনি মেলিছিল। ১৯৪৬ চনত তেখেতে ডিব্ৰুগড় সমষ্টিৰ পৰা কংগ্ৰেছে প্ৰাৰ্থীৰূপে অসম বিধান সভালৈ সদস্য নিৰ্বাচিত হৈছিল। পুনৰ ১৯৬৭ চনত নিৰ্দলীয় প্ৰাৰ্থী হিচাপে জয়পুৰ বিধান সভা সমষ্টিৰ পৰা তেখেত নিৰ্বাচিত হৈছিল। তেখেতে বিভিন্ন সামাজিক অনুষ্ঠান প্ৰতিষ্ঠানৰ লগত জড়িত থকাৰ উপৰিও ভালে সংখ্যক শিক্ষানুষ্ঠান স্থাপনতো সক্ৰিয় ভূমিকা লৈছিল।

এই গৰাকী প্ৰবীণ স্বাধীনতা সংগ্ৰামী তথা ৰাজনৈতিক নেতাৰ বিয়োগত আমাৰ সমাজৰ অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

৫। বিশিষ্ট মুক্তি যুঁজাৰু, প্ৰবীণ কংগ্ৰেছ নেতা, প্ৰাক্তন বিধায়ক মহানন্দ বৰাৰ যোৱা ১৩ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰীত লক্ষীমপুৰৰ নিজা বাসভৱনত পৰলোক প্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে।

ভাৰতৰ স্বাধীনতা আন্দোলনত সক্ৰিয়ভাৱে জড়িত হোৱা বৰা ডাঙৰীয়া লক্ষীমপুৰ জিলাত স্বাধীনতা আন্দোলনৰ এগৰাকী অন্যতম গুৰি ধৰোতা আছিল। ১৯৫৭ চনত উত্তৰ লক্ষীমপুৰ বিধান সভা সমষ্টি আৰু ১৯৬২ চনত বিহপুৰীয়া সমষ্টিৰ পৰা কংগ্ৰেছৰ প্ৰাৰ্থীৰূপে তেখেত অসম বিধান সভালৈ সদস্য নিৰ্বাচিত হয়। বিভিন্ন সামাজিক অনুষ্ঠান প্ৰতিষ্ঠানৰ লগত জড়িত থকাৰ উপৰিও লক্ষীমপুৰ মহাবিদ্যালয় স্থাপনতো তেখেতৰ অন্যতম ভূমিকা আছিল। এই গৰাকী প্ৰবীণ ৰাজনীতিকৰ মৃত্যু আমাৰ সমাজৰ এক অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি।

৬। অসমৰ প্ৰাক্তন মন্ত্ৰী, অসম গণ পৰিষদৰ একালৰ শীৰ্ষ স্থানীয় নেতা দিগেন চন্দ্ৰ বৰাৰ ভালেদিন অসুস্থতাৰ অন্তত যোৱা ২৪ জানুৱাৰীত দিল্লীৰ এখন ব্যক্তিগত চিকিৎসালয়ত মৃত্যু হয়।

সদৌ অসম ছাত্ৰ সন্থাৰ নেতৃত্বত চলা ছবছৰীয়া বিদেশী বহিস্কাৰ আন্দোলনৰ বৰা আছিল অন্যতম নেতা। ১৯৮৫ চনত বটদ্ৰা সমষ্টিৰ পৰা অসম গণ পৰিষদৰ প্ৰাৰ্থী হিচাপে সদস্য নিৰ্বাচিত হোৱা প্ৰয়াত বৰা ডাঙৰীয়াই উদ্যোগ, শক্তি দপ্তৰৰ মন্ত্ৰী হিচাপে কাৰ্য্যনিৰ্বাহ কৰিছিল। পুনৰ ১৯৯৬ চনত এই সমষ্টিৰ পৰাই অসম বিধান সভালৈ সদস্য নিৰ্বাচিত হৈ খাদ্য আৰু অসামৰিক যোগান বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰীৰ দায়িত্বত থকাৰ পিচত মন্ত্ৰীত্ব আৰু শেষলৈ দল ত্যাগ কৰে।

এই গৰাকী তৰুণ ৰাজনীতিবিদৰ অকাল মৃত্যুত ৰাজ্যখনৰ এক পুৰাব নোৱাৰা ক্ষতি হ'ল।

৭। প্ৰথিতযশা সাহিত্যিক অসম সাহিত্য সভাৰ প্ৰাক্তন সভাপতি অতুল চন্দ্ৰ বৰুৱাৰ ২০০১ চনৰ ২৫ ডিচেম্বৰত গুৱাহাটীৰ এখন ব্যক্তিগত চিকিৎসালয়ত পৰলোক প্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স ৮৬ বছৰ হৈছিল।

১৯১৬ চনত ছিপাবাৰ মাৰ্বে গাওঁত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা বৰুৱা ডাঙৰীয়াই কটন কলেজৰ পৰা স্নাতক আৰু কলকাতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ পৰা স্নাতকোত্তৰ ডিগ্ৰী লৈ কামৰূপ অকাডেমীৰ শিক্ষকতাৰে চাকৰি জীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰে।

শ্বিলঙৰ ছেণ্ট এডমাণ্ডছ কলেজত অধ্যাপনা কৰাৰ পিছত অসম অসামৰিক সেৱাত যোগ দিয়ে। ছাত্ৰাৱস্থাতে পৰা নিৰলস ভাবে সাহিত্য চৰ্চা কৰা বৰুৱাই শিশু সাহিত্য, জীৱনীমূলক গ্ৰন্থ, নিবন্ধ সংকলন, ভাষাতত্বকে ধৰি মুঠ ২৯ খন গ্ৰন্থ ৰচনা কৰি অসমীয়া সাহিত্যৰ উঁহাল চহকী কৰি থৈ গৈছে। ওৰেটো জীৱন সাহিত্য সাধনাত ব্ৰতী বৰুৱাদেৱে অসম সাহিত্য সভাৰ অধিবেশনৰ সভাপতি পদো অলংকৃত কৰিছিল।

অসম মাতৃৰ এই গৰাকী সু-সন্তানৰ বিয়োগত অসমৰ ভাষা-সাহিত্য তথা সমাজ জীৱনৰ অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

৮। প্ৰবীণ অভিনেতা, চলচিত্ৰৰ নায়ক, “দাদামণি” ৰূপে খ্যাত অশোক কুমাৰৰ দীৰ্ঘ দিনীয়া অসুস্থতাৰ পিছত মুম্বাইৰ নিজা বাস ভৱনত যোৱা ২০০১ চনৰ ১০ ডিচেম্বৰত মৃত্যু হয়। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স হৈছিল ৯১ বছৰ।

“দাদাচাহেব ফালকে বটা” ৰে সন্মানিত, চিৰ সেউজ অভিনেতা আশোক কুমাৰে প্ৰায় আঢ়ৈশৰো অধিক কথা ছবিত অভিনয় কৰি ছবিজগতত এক বিৰল সন্মান লাভ কৰিবলৈ সক্ষম হৈছিল। “জীৱন ন্যায়” নামৰ চলচিত্ৰখনত অভিনয় আৰম্ভ কৰা অশোক কুমাৰ ‘অচ্যুৎ কন্যা’ৰ মুক্তিৰ লগে লগে তাৰকা হৈ পৰিছিল। তেখেতৰ অভিনীত হিট ছবি আছিল “কিছমত”। আৰ্শ্ববাদ কথা ছবিখনৰ কাৰণে ১৯৬৯ চনত ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় বটা আৰু আৰ্জীৱন ছবি জগতলৈ আগবঢ়োৱা অৱদানৰ বাবে ১৯৯৬ চনত জীৱনজোৰা সাফল্য বটা লাভ কৰিছিল। তেখেত অভিনেতাৰ উপৰিও হেমিওপেথিক চিকিৎসা আৰু ছবি অৰ্কা কাৰ্য্যতো ব্ৰতী আছিল। এই কৰাকী প্ৰথিতযশা চলচিত্ৰৰ অভিনেতাৰ বিয়োগ দেশৰ চলচিত্ৰ জগত তথা আমাৰ সমাজত এক পুৰাৰ নোৱাৰা ক্ষতি।

৯। সংবাদ, নাট্য তথা সাহিত্য জগতৰ লগত নিৰিচ্ছিন্ন ভাৱে জড়িত এম, চালেহউদ্দিন চৌধুৰীৰ কিছুদিন অসুস্থতাত ভূগি থকাৰ অন্তত যোৱা ১৮ জানুৱাৰীত গুৱাহাটী চিকিৎসা মহাবিদ্যালয়ত দেহাৱসান ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স হৈছিল ৫৪ বছৰ।

১৯৪৮ চনত নলবাৰী জিলাৰ থানাপাতকুছিত জন্ম হোৱা চৌধুৰী “অগ্ৰদূত” কাকতৰ যোগে সংবাদ জগতত প্ৰবেশ কৰি সুদীৰ্ঘ ২১ বছৰ কাল উক্ত কাকতৰ লগত জড়িত হৈ থাকে। সংবাদ পৰিবেশনাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত তেখেতে বিশেষ কৃতিত্বৰ অধিকাৰী হৈছিল। চৌধুৰী এগৰাকী বহুমুখী প্ৰতিভা সম্পন্ন ব্যক্তি আছিল। তেখেতে নাটক, কবিতা, প্ৰবন্ধ আদি ৰচনাৰ উপৰিও অভিনয় জগততো সুখ্যাতি লাভ কৰিছিল। তেখেতৰ উল্লেখনীয় নাট সমূহ হৈছে

দেৱী মা-কামাখ্যা, দেৱী মা-সন্তোষী, শকুন্তলা আদি। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত প্ৰয়াত চৌধুৰীয়ে “সাদিনীয়া বৰ্ত্তমান” কাকতৰ সম্পাদক হিচাপে কাৰ্য্য নিৰ্বাহ কৰি আছিল। অসম মাতৃৰ প্ৰতিভা সম্পন্ন এই গৰাকী সন্তানৰ মৃত্যু আমাৰ সমাজখনৰ এক পূৰাব নোৱাৰা ক্ষতি।

১০। বাভা হাছং স্বয়ত্ব পৰিষদৰ প্ৰাক্তন মুখ্য কাৰ্যবাহী সদস্য তথা কংগ্ৰেছৰ জ্যেষ্ঠ কৰ্মী সব্যসাচী বাভাৰ ২০০১ চনৰ ১৪ ডিচেম্বৰত হৃদৰোগত আক্ৰান্ত হৈ চিকিৎসালয়ত মৃত্যু হয়।

বকো সমষ্টিত হাঁহিমত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা কংগ্ৰেছৰ একনিষ্ঠ কৰ্মী বাভা ডাঙৰীয়া আছিল বাভা জাতীয় সংগ্ৰাম মেৰুদণ্ডস্বৰূপ আৰু তেখেতে সমাজৰ উন্নয়নৰ বাবে আহোপূৰুষাৰ্থ চেষ্টা কৰিছিল।

বাভা সমাজৰ অগ্ৰণী নেতা বিশিষ্ট কংগ্ৰেছ কৰ্মী সব্যসাচী বাভাৰ মৃত্যুত আমাৰ সমাজৰ এক অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

১১। বিশিষ্ট শিক্ষাবিদ বিদেশী বহিস্কৰণ আন্দোলনৰ জ্যেষ্ঠ নেতা কুমুদ নাথ শৰ্মাৰ ১৫/১২/২০০১ তাৰিখে গুৱাহাটীৰ এখন বে-চৰকাৰী চিকিৎসালয়ত বিয়োগ ঘটে।

ছবছৰীয়া অসম আন্দোলনৰ অন্যতম পৰামৰ্শ দাতা হিচাপে শৰ্মা ডাঙৰীয়াই অসম আন্দোলনক নেতৃত্ব দিছিল। প্ৰথমে মেধা সম্পন্ন শিক্ষাব্ৰতী, চিন্তাবিদ, গুৱাহাটী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ আইন বিভাগৰ অধ্যাপক, কুলগুৰু তথা মুৰব্বী পদত অধিষ্ঠিত হোৱা শৰ্মা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ সমাজলৈ বৰঙণি আছিল অসীম। অসম লোকসেৱা আয়োগৰ প্ৰাক্তন সদস্য শৰ্মা ডাঙৰীয়া মৃত্যুৰ কাললৈকে অসম ৰাজ্যিক মানৱ অধিকাৰ আয়োগৰ সদস্য আছিল। আঞ্চলিকতাবাদী ৰাজনীতিৰ নীৰৱ কৰ্মী, বিশিষ্ট শিক্ষাবিদ অধ্যাপক কুমুদ নাথ শৰ্মাৰ মৃত্যু আমাৰ ৰাজ্যৰ এক অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি।

১২। প্ৰথিতযশা শিক্ষাবিদ আৰু সাহিত্যিক নীলিমা দত্তৰ যোৱা ২ জানুৱাৰীত গুৱাহাটীৰ খাৰঘুলিৰ নিজা বাস ভৱনত ৭৭ বয়সত পৰলোক প্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে।

১৯২৫ চনত নগাওঁৰ শিলঘাটত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা নীলিমা দত্তই কলকতাৰ আশোতোষ কলেজৰ পৰা স্নাতক আৰু কলকতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ পৰা স্নাতকোত্তৰ ডিগ্ৰী লাভ কৰি গুৱাহাটী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ত অধ্যাপনা কৰে। ওৰেজীৱন সাহিত্য চৰ্চ্চাত ব্ৰতী প্ৰয়াত দত্তই কেইবাখনো উপন্যাস ৰচনা কৰে। উল্লেখযোগ্য উপন্যাস সমূহ হৈছে “আকাশ বন্তি”, “শৈল শিখৰ”, “ধুমুহাৰ পিচত”, “সেউজীয়া সময়”, “অপৰাজিতা”, “বিদ্যুৎপ্ৰভা”, ইত্যাদি। তেখেতে একাধিক কবিতা পুথিও ৰচনা কৰি পাঠক সমাজত সমাদৰ লাভিবলৈ

সম্ভৱ হয়। উইল ডুবাণ্টৰ বিখ্যাত পুথি 'দি ষ্টৰী অৱ ফিলছফী'ৰ অসমীয়া অনুবাদেৰে তেখেতে অসমীয়া অনুবাদ সাহিত্য সমৃদ্ধ কৰিছিল। অসম লেখিকা সম্ভাৰ প্ৰতিষ্ঠাপক সম্পাদিকা দস্তই তেখেতৰ অনবদ্য সাহিত্য অৱদানৰ বাবে "প্ৰবীণা শইকীয়া স্মাৰক বঁটা" আৰু অসম সাহিত্য সভাৰ "বাসন্তী বৰদলৈ" বঁটাৰে সন্মানিত হৈছিল।

এই গৰাকী শিক্ষাবিদ তথা সাহিত্য সাধকৰ বিয়োগো আমাৰ সমাজ জীৱনৰ তথা শিক্ষা জগতখনৰ এক অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি।

১৩। বিশিষ্ট চিত্ৰ শিল্পী প্ৰণৱ বৰুৱাৰ যোৱা ১৪ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰীত নগাওঁৰ নিজা বাসভৱনত মৃত্যু হয়। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স হৈছিল ৬৭ বছৰ।

১৯৩৫ চনৰ ২২ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰীত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা বৰুৱাই ১৯৫৮ চনত কলকাতাৰ শান্তি নিকেতনলৈ চিত্ৰ কলাৰ শিক্ষা লবলৈ যায়। পিছত মুম্বাইলৈ গৈ জে-জে স্কুল অৱ আৰ্টছত সুখ্যাতিৰে শিক্ষা লাভ কৰি গুৱাহাটীৰ পাণবজাৰত এটি ষ্টুডিঅ' স্থাপন কৰে। পিচত নগাওঁলৈ গৈ তেখেত ছবি অঁকাকে জীৱন আৰু জীৱিকা হিচাপে গ্ৰহণ কৰি একনিষ্ঠভাবে এই কামত ব্ৰতীহৈ পৰে। বৰুৱাই চিত্ৰ শিল্পৰ প্ৰসাৰ আৰু প্ৰচাৰৰ বাবে গাৱেঁ-ভূঞেও অশেষ কষ্টেৰে চিত্ৰ শিল্পৰ আন্দোলন গঢ়ি তুলিছিল। একাধিক সাংস্কৃতিক গোষ্ঠী আৰু অনুষ্ঠানৰ লগত প্ৰত্যক্ষভাৱে জড়িত হৈ তেখেতে নন চিত্ৰকৰৰ সৃষ্টিত অবিহণা যোগাইছিল। তেখেতক অসম চৰকাৰে শিল্পী পেঞ্চন আৰু ২০০০ চনত "বিষ্ণু ৰাভা বঁটা"ৰে সন্মানিত কৰিছিল।

আজীৱন চিত্ৰশিল্পৰ সাধক প্ৰণৱ বৰুৱাৰ মৃত্যুত চিত্ৰশিল্প জগতখনৰ এক অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

১৪। অসমৰ সাংস্কৃতিক জগতত একেধাৰে অভিনেতা, কাহিনীকাৰ আৰু নাট্যকাৰ হিচাপে খ্যাতি লাভ কৰা অমূল্য কাকতিৰ যোৱা ৯ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰীত হৃদৰোগত আক্ৰান্ত হৈ স্থানীয় এখন চিকিৎসালয়ত মৃত্যু হয়। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স হৈছিল ৫২ বছৰ।

১৯৫০ চনত গুৱাহাটীৰ পাণবজাৰত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা কাকতিয়ে ছাত্ৰাৱস্থাতে "আমি একটৰ" নামৰ নাটকখন লিখি সমাদৰ লাভ কৰে। তেখেতে ভালেকেইখন বোল ছবিৰ প্ৰযোজক আৰু চিত্ৰ নাট্যকাৰ আছিল। ৪৬ তম ভাৰতীয় চলচিত্ৰ মহোৎসৱত ডকুমেণ্টৰী শাখাত 'ৰজত কমল পুৰস্কাৰ' প্ৰাপ্ত ছবিখনতো তেখেত আছিল প্ৰযোজক আৰু চিত্ৰনাট্য কাৰ। কাকতিয়ে ১৩ খনৰো অধিক ছবিত অভিনয় কৰিছিল। কাকতিয়ে দূৰদৰ্শনতো ভালে সংখ্যক ধাৰাবাহিক আৰু টেলি ফিল্মৰ কাহিনী আৰু চিত্ৰ নাট্যৰ ৰূপ দিছিল।

এই গৰাকী প্ৰথিতযশা নাট শিল্পীৰ অকাল মৃত্যুত অসমৰ সাংস্কৃতিক, সামাজিক জগতৰ অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

১৫। অসমৰ প্ৰখ্যাত ভাস্কৰ্য্য শিল্পী প্ৰণবেন্দু বিকাশ ধৰৰ সন্তানহীন হৈ থকা অৱস্থাত যোৱা ১৮ জানুৱাৰীত তেখেতৰ মৃতদেহ মুম্বাই চহৰৰ এক মাৰ্গত উদ্ধাৰ হয়। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স হৈছিল ৪৭ বছৰ।

১৯৫৫ চনত দেৰগাওঁত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা ধৰে 'বিশ্ব ভাৰতীৰ' পৰা ভাস্কৰ্য্য বিষয়ত ডিগ্ৰী লোৱাৰ পাছত লণ্ডনৰ ছেণ্ট মাৰ্টি'ন স্কুল অব আৰ্টত অধ্যয়ন কৰি স্নাতকোত্তৰ ডিগ্ৰী লাভ কৰে। জীৱন জুৰি ভাস্কৰ্য্য শিল্পৰ লগত একাত্ম অনুভৱ কৰা প্ৰয়াত ধৰে কেৱল ৰাজ্যখনৰে নহয় দেশৰ বাহিৰতো তেখেতৰ শিল্প কৰ্মৰ বাবে সুনাম অৰ্জন কৰিবলৈ সক্ষম হৈছিল। ১৯৪৮ চনত ৰাষ্ট্ৰপতিৰ ফেলশ্বিপ লাভ কৰা প্ৰয়াত ধৰে পুণেত প্ৰতিষ্ঠা কৰা লাচিত বৰফুকনৰ প্ৰতিমূৰ্ত্তি আৰু শেহতীয়াকৈ ভাৰত ৰত্ন গোপীনাথ বৰদলৈৰ এটি প্ৰতিমূৰ্ত্তি নিৰ্মাণ কৰি উলিয়াইছিল।

এই গৰাকী ভাস্কৰ্য্য শিল্পীৰ বিয়োগত আমাৰ ৰাজ্যৰ চিত্ৰ ভাস্কৰ্য্য জগতৰ এক পূৰাব নোৱাৰা ক্ষতি হ'ল।

১৬। ভাৰত ত্যাগ আন্দোলনৰ এগৰাকী অগ্ৰণী যুঁজাৰু "চন্দ্ৰ কামাণ্ডাৰ" নামেৰে পৰিচিত চন্দ্ৰকান্ত বৰুৱাৰ তেজপুৰৰ নিজা বাস ভৱনত যোৱা ২৮-১০-২০০১ তাৰিখে পৰলোক প্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স হৈছিল ৯৫ বছৰ।

কুশল কোঁৱৰ, শংকৰ বৰুৱা, বিজয় ভাগৱতী আদিৰ সহযোগী চন্দ্ৰ কামাণ্ডাৰে নেতাজী সুভাষ চন্দ্ৰ বসুৰ নেতৃত্বত গঠন হোৱা 'আজাদ হিন্দ ফৌজ'ত যোগদান কৰি ব্ৰিটিছ বাহিনীৰ বিৰুদ্ধে যুঁজত অৱতীৰ্ণ হৈছিল।

এই গৰাকী প্ৰবীন মুক্তি যোদ্ধাৰ মৃত্যুত আমাৰ বাবে এক অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি।

১৭। যোৱা ২০০১ চনৰ ১৩ ডিচেম্বৰৰ দিনা নতুন দিল্লীৰ সংসদ ভৱন চৌহদত বিদেশী সন্ত্ৰীসবাদীৰ আক্ৰমণত কেইবাগৰাকী নিৰাপত্তাৰক্ষীকে ধৰি কেইবা গৰাকী লোক সভা সচিবালয়ৰ কৰ্মী নিহত হয়।

যোৱা ২৭ জানুৱাৰীত কামৰূপ জিলাৰ নগৰবেৰাৰ ওচৰত উগ্ৰপন্থীৰ আক্ৰমণত কামৰূপ ডি-এছ-পি দেৱজিৎ পাঠক আৰু তেওঁৰ গাড়ীচালক জনৰ মৃত্যু হয়।

এই সকল কৰ্তব্যৰত নিৰাপত্তাৰক্ষী বিষয়া, কৰ্মচাৰী তথা লোক সভা

সচিবালয়ৰ কৰ্মীৰ মৃত্যুও আমাৰ আটাইৰে বাবে এক গুৰুতৰ ক্ষতি।

যোৱা ২৭ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰীৰ দিনা গুজৰাটৰ গোখৰা ৰেল ষ্টেচনৰ ওচৰত সৱৰমতী এক্সপ্ৰেছ ৰেলগাড়ীখনত দুস্কৃতিকাৰীয়ে অগ্নি সংযোগ কৰাৰ ফলত অগ্নিদগ্ধ হৈ অৰ্দ্ধশতাধিকতকৈও অধিক লোকৰ মৃত্যু হোৱাত আমাৰ দেশৰ এক অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

যোৱা ২৭ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰীৰ দিনাই টিছ সৰ্থেবাৰী পথত সংঘটিত শোকাৱহ পথ দুৰ্ঘটনাত চাৰিজন লোকে প্ৰাণ হেৰুৱায়।

ওপৰত উল্লেখিত মৃত ব্যক্তিসকলৰ পবিত্ৰ স্মৃতিত আৰু তেখেত সকলৰ বিদেহী আত্মাৰ সদগতি আৰু চিৰশান্তি কামনা কৰি এক মিনিট কাল থিয় হৈ মৌনতা আৱলম্বন কৰিবৰ বাবে এই সদনৰ মাননীয় সদস্য সকলৰ প্ৰতি মই অনুৰোধ জনালো।

(One minute silence was observed in honour of the departed souls by all the Members of the House)

The House stands adjourned till 9 A.M. on 4-3-2002.

ADJOURNMENT

The house then stood adjourned at 11-05 A.M. till 9 A.M. on Monday, the 4th March, 2002.

Dispur
The 1st, March, 2002

M.K. Sarma
Secretary,
Assam Legislative Assembly

