

BSS conference concludes



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The 55th annual conference of Bodo [Sahitya Sabha](#) concludes today at Mugacharan Brahma Fwthar, Bhiranggaon in Chirang district after two days colourful programme.

Dr Kameswar Brahma, president of the sabha strongly criticized the government of Assam for neglecting the Bodo medium education and its [failure](#) in the implementation of the Bodo language [as](#) an officiate language in the [state](#).

He said in the last 15 years, the [Congress](#) government in the [state](#) has not done a single [welfare](#) work for the growth and development of the Bodo language and education. He said the Bodo sabha had been demanding the Government of Assam to take proper action for solution of medium [crisis](#), including creation of separate Directorate for Bodo medium, provincialisation of Bodo medium institutions, appointment of teachers and timely distribution of text books etc, but the government is never serious in solving the [crisis](#) and the [demands](#).

The apex Bodo literary body has also strongly voiced [against](#) the apathetic attitude of education department, government of Assam, for issuing office memorandum in case of written interview for the post of Junior Assistant for High School and Higher Secondary schools by keeping aside question papers in Bodo language.

Kamala Kanta Muchahary, sabha general secretary said that the sabha and its allied organizations strongly oppose the dictatorial attitude by the [state](#) government machineries of neglecting the Bodo language, which is also a scheduled language of Indian Constitution and instructed all the district and primary [level](#) committee of the sabha to thwart the 'evil design of Assam government by imposing [Assamese](#) or Bengali language on the Bodos, and to take the agitational programme in district [level](#), he said.

The House unanimously resolved that the long pending [demands](#) must be solved by the [state](#) and Central government within six months of the new govt formation. 'If the [demands](#) are not meet the BSS will be compelled to launch a series of agitational programme with the help of other allied organizations and public, he said.

The delegate sitting also resolved to appeal the [state](#) govt to include the Bodo language [as](#) one of the subject language, in any interview and exams, along with [Assamese](#) and Bengali, [as](#) Bodo language being a Eight scheduled language. The House resolved to protest if Bodo language is not included in any interview and exams question papers. : Muchahary said the Sabha has also decided to approach the Bengal Bengal govt to issue a gazette notification to recognize the Bodo language [as](#) a mother tongue for the Mech tribal people of West Bengal and introduced Bodo [as](#) a language subject in elementary education. It also called upon the Mech (Bodo) people of West Bengal to stand unitedly to achieve the goal.

The apex Bodo literary body also opined that local language should be recognized [as](#) 1st language, English [as](#) second language followed by Hindi and other local regional language (50% each) [as](#) third language. 'For [Assamese](#) medium students it should be 50% Hindi and 50% Bodo, and for Bodo medium students 50% Hindi and 50 % [Assamese](#) language. In case of [Barak](#) valley(50% Hindi, 50% [Assamese](#)) and in for Bengali medium students in BTAD, it should be 50% Hindi and 50% Bodo, said Muchahary.

BTC [chief Hagrama Mohilary](#) inaugurated the open session with Dr Kameswar Brahma, president of the sabha in the chair.

Mohilary,in his speech said that language recognises identity and growth of the [community](#),so every Bodo person should love and affection to the Bodo language and literature.

Former minister and MLA [Chandan](#) Brahma,MP Biswajit Daimary,BTC deputy [chief](#) Kampa Borgoyary,ex MP Urkhao Gwra Brahma,Sahitya [Akademy](#) awardees Janil Kumar Brahma,Brajendra Kumar Brahma,Dr Mangalsingh Hazoary were prominent attendees on the meeting.

Over 1200 delegates from Assam, [Meghalaya](#), West Bengal and Nepal participated at the conference. Representatives from [indigenous](#) sahitya sabhas — Karbi, Dimasa [Tiwa](#), Rabha, Mising, Garo and Deori — attend the conference.

Various literary awards, including Rangsar Literature [Award](#), 2015 and Sameswari Brahma [Literary Award](#), 2015 were presented during the conference. The Sabha facilitated various [Sahitya Akademi award](#) winners.

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