

Rare honour for Bodo writer



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TANGLA: Noted Bodo [writer](#) Dr.Rita Baro has fetched no less pride to the people of Assam when she was declared the recipient of the [Sahitya Akademi](#) Award in Bodo language. Dr Baro has been named for [Sahitya Akademi](#) award for her short-novel, 'Thwisam'.

The novel deals with the story of a spoiled martyr's son who leaves home after cheating his mother of the ex-gratia [compensation](#) amount received from the government for his [father's](#) death. Talking to Assam Times, she said, "I'm quite elated [over](#) the award. I just like to portray the social happenings specifically the diversion of the youths towards motor- bikes and other high end goods.," said Baro.

She teaches Bodo literature in [Tangla](#) College in [Udalguri](#) district and is busy working for her next novel. Prior to this she won Mangal Chandri Brahma Award by [Udalguri](#) Bodo [Sahitya Sabha](#). "This is my first recognition for my literary award. It's highly satisfactory to be honoured by Sahitya [Akademy](#). I never wrote to be a litterateur but writing is my hobby and I derive great satisfaction through it," an excited Baro said.

Thwisam is her second novel published in 2014. She has penned 3 novels and another is on the verge of publication.

Born on August, 28 in 1975, she did her schooling at [Tangla](#) Girls' HS school and her graduation in [Tangla](#) College holding double masters degree in Assamese and Bodo from Gauhati University and subsequently pursued her Phd degree in the year 2010. She is currently engaged as an assistant professor in Bodo in [Tangla](#) College.

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