

Singh stresses knowledge for growth



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[DoNER](#) minister [VK Singh](#) said that knowledge is a key resource for achieving economic growth and social development.

In his address at the [IIT-Guwahati](#) convocation ceremony on [Sunday](#), the former army chief said that the knowledge revolution has restructured manufacturing processes, redistributed markets, redefined relations among nations and refined methods of governance.

[Singh](#) maintained that the country should focus [more](#) on innovation to make it a centre of industrial activities instead of just becoming a mere destination of outsourcing.

“The country needed to devote its energy to the manufacturing sector with efficient and robust processing techniques,” he said adding that there was an overriding priority to undertake technology development in different fields and make the country a nerve centre of industrial activities.

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Statue of first Bodo engineer Haliram Brahma installed at Bodoland University



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KOKRAJHAR, September 19, 2026 — A statue of late Haliram Brahma, regarded as the first engineer from the Bodo community, was installed at the Bodoland University campus here on Thursday to mark his birth anniversary.

The statue was formally inaugurated by former president of the Bodo Sahitya Sabha, Surath Narzary, with the stated aim of inspiring the younger generation and commemorating Brahma's contribution.

A memorial meeting was subsequently held at the Jouhlao Nileswar Brahma Auditorium of Bodoland University in memory of Haliram Brahma.

The meeting was attended by Bodoland University Registrar Prahlad Basumatary, Head of the Department of Chemistry Professor Sanjay Basumatary, Professor Jatin Sharma, Bodo Sahitya Sabha president Gopinath Bargaoyary, Kokrajhar Girls' College Principal Dr Adaram Basumatary, Kokrajhar University Vice-Chancellor Dr Ganesh Chandra Owari, BB Engineering College Principal Kamal Kumar Brahma, Sahitya Akademi Award winner Indira Boro and Anjali Basumatary.

Haliram Brahma's two sons, Dr Ganesh Brahma and Girish Chandra Brahma, along with other dignitaries and family members, were also present at the memorial programme.

Haliram Brahma was born on September 17, 1928, at Simbargaon in present-day Kokrajhar district. Regarded as the first engineer from the Bodo community, he died on August 13, 1971.

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