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DEBATES OF THE ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, the 26th February, 2003

The House met at 9 AM. of the clock in the Assembly chamber at Dispur with Shri Prithibi Majhi Speaker in the chair.

Mr. Speaker :— The Honourable Members present, the Governor is addressing us today at 9.08 A. M. He is arriving in the Main porch of the Assembly Premises at 9.05 A.M. Myself, the Chief Minister and the Secretary will be going to receive him at the Porch. The instructions as to how the Governor is to be received in the House have been laid on each Member's table. As soon as the Governor arrives in the House. I think, we should comply with these instructions. In the meantime, the address will be distributed to the Members. With your permission, I now leave the House to receive the Governor at the main porch.

(Mr. Speaker then leaves the house to receive Hon'ble Governor alongwith Hon'ble Chief Minister and 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 was played after the Hon'ble Governor Occupied his allotted chair everybody took their respective seats.)

Mr. Speaker : I now request the Honourable Governor to address the House.

Hon'ble Governor : Mr. Speaker and Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Assembly,

I am delighted to address this August House on the occasion of the Budget Session 2003 of the eleventh Assam Legislative Assembly. I take this opportunity to extend my greetings and good wishes to all the Hon'ble Members. I hope that through forward from one milestone to another.

Twentyone months ago when my Government came to power with a massive mandate it inherited a multitude of problems accompanied by an empty coffer. While the problem of under development was assuming alarming proportions, a severe financial crisis was restricting the capacity of the Government to intervene effectively through planned development. With the problems of low agricultural productivity, negligible coverage of arable land under multiple cropping and industrial backwardness, the rate of capital formation in Assam was low. The consequent unabated increase in unemployment was a matter of serious concern for us not only for its impact on the quality of life of our people but also for its potential for fuelling insurgency. To add to these problems the issues of

governance like, transparency in government functioning, decentralisation, people's participation and corruption left much to be desired.

My Government has taken a number of steps to arrest this decline. It has taken positive steps to augment its tax collections by ensuring better compliance and widening of the tax base. The tax base has been enlarged by bringing in all potential dealers and assesses through intensive and extensive surveys. Strict penal measures have been initiated against tax defaulters. As a consequence there has been a significant increase of its tax revenues. To ensure that available resources are conserved for spending on development schemes, it has adopted a number of austerity measures. To supplement its Plan resources urgent steps have been taken to avail more resources under Central Sector Schemes and under the Non Lapsable Pool of Central Resources. Funds have also been obtained under the Prime Minister's Package for the North East. Initiative has also been taken to avail funds from Multilateral Funding Agencies like the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank.

Effective steps have also been taken to ensure that available development funds are spent properly. Peoples' participation has been actively promoted in divers areas of development activities. Civil Society Organisations have been encouraged and involved more deeply in the process of development. The Rajior Padulit Rajior Sarkar programme has been vigorously promoted to make the Government accountable and transparent as well as to address the grievances of the people expeditiously.

originally targeted for 2007, has now been preponed to be completed within the next year. My Government is committed to detect and deport illegal immigrants under the provisions of law. At the same time it will be ensured there is no harassment to genuine Indian citizens.

Hill Areas

My Government is committed to the need to accelerate the pace of development in the Hill Areas. It is also committed to devolve necessary powers and funds to the Autonomous Councils for enabling this development. It has transferred the functioning of 30 sectors to the Autonomous Councils along with the Staff. To ensure that availability of funds do not become a constraint there is a system of half yearly release of funds for schemes relating to the transferred Departments:

My Government seeks to conserve the fragile environment and ecology of the hill districts. Important programmes under implementation in this respect are the Integrated Jhumia Development Programme and the Watershed Development Project for Shifting Cultivation Areas. The Pradhan Mantri's Gramodaya Yojana is also under implementation inter alia, for providing safe drinking water, connectivity to unconnected villages, primary health coverage in rural areas and universalisation of primary education.

Shri Jagat Sing Engti, : Sir, what about Autonomous State. Till date your Govt.. has not taken any step. Here in

your address nothing has been mentioned.

Hon'ble Governor: You have enough opportunity to have clarified this issue (Then Hon'ble Minister Sri Engti staged walk-out from the House.

Welfare of SC, ST & Backward Classes

My Government is committed to speed up the activities for the welfare of SC, ST and OBC communities in the State. A number of schemes are presently under implementation and it will be our endeavour to ensure full utilisation of funds released by the Government of India for such schemes:

with the signing of the Memorandum of Settlement between the Government of India, the State Government and the Bodo Liberation Tigers, a Bodoland Territorial Council will be created within the ambit of the modified Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India in order to accelerate the development process. The Settlement will provide full protection to the rights and privileges of the non tribals living in the Bodoland Territorial Council area as enjoyed by them at the time of signing of the Settlement.

All efforts will be made to ensure that the Autonomous Councils created in the plain districts of the State become effective tools for the development of the tribal people and that they get full powers to decide their own course of development.

My Government is vigorously pursuing with the Governme

ment of India to accord the status of Scheduled Tribes to the Koch-Rajbonshi, Tea & ex-Tea Garden, Ahom, Chutia, Motak and Moran communities.

Minorities Development

My Government is deeply committed to improving the socio-economic conditions of the people living in char areas. A number of schemes have been taken up to improve their socio-economic conditions. Schemes are also being taken up for the welfare of minorities through the Assam Minorities Development Board. Loans are being provided to people belonging to the notified minorities by the Assam Minorities Development & Finance Corporation. The survey and settlement of Char Areas is being pursued expeditiously.

The Assam Board of Wakf has been constituted and it is proposed to constitute a Wakf Tribunal in Assam. The setting up of a Minority Commission is under consideration. My Government has also constituted a Cabinet Sub-Committee to examine the matter of granting backward class status to the Muslims.

Development of Women

My Government is committed to providing equal status and opportunity to women in all areas. We fully support the reservation of seats for them in the Bidhan Sabhas and the Lok Sabha. Schemes are being taken up by us to ensure that their economic situation

improves and that they do not suffer disabilities in society due to their gender. Schemes for their welfare are also under implementation. Action is also being taken to ensure their active involvement in participatory bodies.

Agriculture

In a primarily agrarian economy, agriculture continues to be the most important core area for promoting accelerated economic development in the State. For this purpose my Government has taken up schemes to provide required infrastructure to the farmers, increase production through multiple cropping and transform dry land into cultivable land. Tractors, Power Tillers and Shallow tube Wells are being provided to the farmers' interalia, under ARIASP to improve the available infrastructure and facilitate multiple cropping. Seed Villages for the production of certified high yielding variety seeds have been created in all the AEO circles. For the transformation of dry land into cultivable land, 203 projects covering 500 hectares each have been identified for development under the National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Area during the 10th Plan.

My Government has laid emphasis on the extension of credit to the farmers. Short-term crop loan is being extended through the Kishan Credit Card scheme. At the initiative of my Government 30,325 Kishan Credit Cards have been issued. This scheme is gaining popularity among the small and marginal farmers of the State and action is being taken to expand its area of operation further. Under

the Rashtriya Gramin Bhandaran Yojana the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board is taking up the construction of 39 rural godowns during the current year. Two Wholesale Markets and 25 Rural Markets are in the process of development under the Technology Mission on Horticulture. My Government also proposes to set up more cold storages in the State.

The Char Areas in the State have been identified as potential areas for the cultivation of pulses and oilseeds. With this end in view a programme has been formulated for the production of pulses and oilseeds in such areas. Under the Technology Mission on Horticulture schemes have been taken up for the expansion of area under Banana, Cashew, Orange, Floriculture, Arecanut and Spice cultivation. To commercialise the spices sector in Assam, my Government has declared the current year as the Spices Year. Thirty-Five Rapid Multiplication Units of Black Pepper have been established for the production of Black pepper in large quantities. Elite varieties of Ginger have been introduced to make the State Self-Sufficient in ginger.

Irrigation

Against an estimated irrigation potential of 27 lakh hectares in the State, so far the Irrigation Department has taken up schemes achieving coverage of 6.62 lakh hectares. These include works relating to ten major and medium irrigation projects and 1229 minor irrigation schemes, which are continuing. Though our State has

not been able to take full benefit of schemes under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) due to paucity of resources, irrigation schemes under other programmes like, ARIASP and the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources are in progress.

Animal Husbandry & Veterinary

My Government has taken up various schemes for augmentation of milk, meat and egg production to cater to the growing demand for protein of animal origin. Under ARIASP projects are being taken up to increase milk and meat production through breed upgradation. A prestigious scheme namely, the Swarnadhenu Scheme has been launched with the aim of upgrading the local cows to the Elite Jersey Level. Poultry villages are proposed to be established around 22 poultry and duck farms to benefit rural beneficiaries. Pig villages are also proposed to be set up around Pig farms. An Entrepreneurship Development Programme has been taken up for providing self employment under which 380 educated unemployed youths will be trained in livestock and poultry farming, goat/piggery farming, hatchery and meat processing.

The per capita availability of milk in Assam is far below the national level. To bridge this gap programmes like, the 'Milk Village Programme' will continue to be implemented. An Integrated Dairy Development Project is also under implementation in 10 districts of Assam. Though the Town Milk Supply Schemes and Chilling Plants

are not running up to the mark due to paucity of resources action is being taken to improve the situation. Recently the Bokakhat Chilling Plant and the Town Milk Supply Scheme, Tezpur have been made operative.

Fisheries

Fishery forms an important component of the rural economy of Assam and has a vast potential for rural employment generation and improving the livelihood of the poor people dependent on it. While we are self sufficient in fish seed production there is yet a long way to go in respect of meeting the demand for fish in the State. To improve this situation, schemes for development of Farmers and Community Tanks, Beels and Open Water Fisheries have been taken up. Aquaculture development and training of farmers is also being taken up under ARIASP.

Panchayat & Rural Development

My Government has fulfilled its commitment and held the panchayat elections in the State after a long gap. It is now engaged in the process of making this decentralisation more meaningful by laying stress on peoples' participation, training and capacity building. For this it is covering not only the officials involved at the field level but also the representatives of the Panchayati Raj Institutions and NGOs as well as the Self Help Groups engaged in the field of rural development.

My Government has been able to reopen the channel of funding from the Government of India, which had been closed for a considerable time before it came to power. It is implementing various rural development programmes for self-employment and wage employment aimed at eradicating rural poverty and improving the quality of life of the rural poor. The programmes under implementation include the Sampurna Gramin Rojgar Yojana, Indira Awas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana, Swarnajayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana, Integrated Wasteland Development Programme, National Bio Gas Development Programme, Integrated Rural Energy Programme, National Programme on Improved Chullah and the Credit-cum-Subsidy Scheme.

Considering their impact on the rural areas the programmes of Rajior Padulit Rajior Sarkar and the National Social Assistance Programme have been decided to be implemented by the Rural Development Department from the current financial year.

Cooperation

Cooperatives have a significant role to play in the upliftment of the rural economy. we are taking measures to enable them to perform this role. Steps are being taken to revitalise the structure of the Assam Cooperative Apex Bank on the basis of the recommendations of the Capoor Committee. The West Assam Milk Union Limited is also in the process of being revitalised.

Soil conservation

Soil conservation measures are being taken up under different schemes like, Protection of Riverine Land, Protective Afforestation, Cash Crop Development, Gully Control, Land Development Projects, Water Harvesting cum Water Distribution Projects, Integrated Jhumia Development Project and Watershed Management Projects. During 2003-2004 it is proposed to develop 8107 hectares of agricultural land, 26 hectares of forestland and take up 4317 cubic meters of civil works.

Forest

Assam is known the world over for its forests, wildlife and rich bio-diversity. Utmost care needs to be taken to conserve these assets for our future generations. It has been decided to constitute Forest Development Agencies in the 25 Territorial and 7 Wildlife Divisions in the State to enable people and the Government to prepare joint micro-level plans and raise resources for forest management. A Joint Forest Management Programme has also been taken up which involves peoples' participation in the protection of forests and in return provides them with means of sustenance.

In tune with the recommendations of the National Forest Policy, my Government has taken measures to bring about 10% of its geographical area under the Protected Area Network. The areas under the Kaziranga National Park and the Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuaries have been expanded. The status of the Nameri and

Panidihing Wildlife Sanctuaries has also been raised to that of a National Park.

Education

My Government is fully committed to provide education to all children upto the age of 14 years as per the policy of the Government of India. It proposes to provide useful and relevant elementary education with the active participation of the community in the affairs of the schools. It is proposed that all children in the age group of 6-14 years complete 5 years of schooling by 2007 and years of schooling by 2010. It is also proposed to bridge all gender and social category gaps at the primary stage by 2007 and at the elementary level by 2010. It is proposed to ensure zero dropouts by 2010. The Free Text Book Distribution Scheme, which was discontinued by the previous Government has again been restored by my Government. My Government is also implementing the Mid Day Meal Scheme for the LP school children.

In higher education steps have been taken by the Guwahati and the Dibrugarh Universities to introduce courses on Information Technology and other job related courses to ensure better prospects for self employment. The provide better reading facilities to the people, the construction of 4 District libraries have been completed at Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Morigaon and Tinsukia. It is also proposed to take up another 5 District Libraries during the next financial year.

Water Resources

Floods are endemic to Assam and cause widespread damage to the economy of the State every year. With our limited resources we have been able to take only short-term measures so far. In the view of experts, a lasting solution to this problem can only be obtained by taking up suitable Multi-Purpose Dam Projects in the North Eastern Region. My Government has been constantly pursuing with the Government of India to take up such projects. As a consequence the Pagladia Dam Project has been taken up in the Central Sector and preliminary works in the project are in progress. My Government is also pursuing with the Government of India to recognise the flood problem of Assam as a 'Nation Problem' and to provide financial assistance to contain it on a 100% grant basis.

My Government has moved the Government of India to provide funds for a comprehensive proposal of 52 Flood Management Schemes, which will provide protection to vast cultivable areas. In addition to Plan funds, schemes are also under implementation from funds available under the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources, the North Eastern Council and the Joint River Commission.

Power, Mines & Minerals

My Government has taken up a programme for the reform and restructuring of Power Sector. This programme includes the improvement of the financial and operational performance of the

ASEB, reduction of transmission, distribution and commercial losses, taking up of energy audit and anti power theft measures, and the establishment and operationalisation of regulatory structures to ensure transparency in traif secting and for enabling investment for growth of the sector Programmes have also been taken up for the augmentation of the existing transmission and distribution system as well as for creation of new facilities in the urban and rural areas. In addition to funds under different Government programmes, financial assistance, is also being sought from external sources like the Asian Development Bank for enabling reforms in the power sector.

Programmes for Geological exploration have been taken up in Assam which include Geological and detailed mapping of mineral bearing areas, core drilling for the mineral body, drilling of exploratory and production wells of ground water and collection of samples for laboratory study.

Industries

The response received from the public to the Chief Minister's Swa-Niyojan Yojana for apprenticeship training outside the State has been overwhelming. At present 267 number of youths are undergoing training in different industrially advanced States of the country. It is proposed to continue this scheme in the coming years.

The different incentives provided under the Industrial Policies alongwith an improved law and order situation has resulted in a number of reputed to set up industries within the State. Notable

among these are the Galaxo's Horlicks unit at Mangodoi, Hindustan Lever's personal care products unit at Doomdoma and the units of Emami, Godrej, Saralee etc within Greater Guwahati. My Government is committed to further improve the climate for such investments by streamlining procedural bottlenecks and expediting clearances.

The Central Institute of Plastic Engineering and Technology has been fully commissioned at Changsari in Kamrup district during the current financial year. The Guwahati Tool Room and Training Centre has also started functioning and their permanent campus at Amingaon is on the verge of completion. The Government of India has also sanctioned two Industrial Infrastructure Development Centres at Demow in Sivasagar district and at Malini Beel in Cachar district.

Information Technology

During the current financial year 216 Community Information Centres have been set up at the Block level in Assam extending the benefits of I. T. revolution to the remotest corners of the State. My Government intends to utilise these Community Information Centres as important vehicles for application of E-Governance and as Government to Citizen interface.

The Assam Electronics Development Corporation has been assigned the nodal responsibilities for the promotion of Information Technology in the State. It has taken up schemes for promotion and extension of Information Technology.

Web sites have been launched in 23 districts of the State. These contain comprehensive data about the district and have become important vehicles for dissemination of district. Steps are also being taken to computerise Government offices and use Information Technology for providing public services efficiently and transparently.

Handloom, Textiles & Sericulture

Assam has a long tradition in the handloom sector, which is next in importance only to agriculture in terms of its potential for employment generation. Steps have been taken to modernise the looms, develop products and open up avenue for self-employment for the weavers. Steps have also been taken to supply raw materials to the weavers for production of high quality fabrics. ARTFED has taken up a scheme for development and marketing of exportable products in collaboration with the Government of India. Under the Health Package Scheme, weavers are proposed to be covered for maternity benefit, eye testing and cost of spectacles etc.

Assam has the distinction of producing all the four major varieties of commercial silk namely, Eri, Muga, Mulberry and Tassar. It is the sole producer of Muga silk in the country. In addition to plan schemes, steps are being taken to strengthen and consolidate the silk sector in partnership with Self-Help Groups, NGOs, Cooperatives and Entrepreneurs with a focus on Muga and Eri.

Health & Family Welfare

My Government is committed to the expansion of basic health care facilities so that the people living in the remote and inaccessible areas get proper health care. Towards this end efforts are on to complete the partially constructed building and to repair and renovate existing facilities. We have been able to upgrade seven Community Health Centres to First Referral Units and make them functional. Another 18 Community Health Centres are being similarly upgraded. Efforts are also on to make available blood storage and surgery facilities in these First Referral Units. Already 16 Blood banks are functioning in the districts and it is proposed to cover the remaining in the districts and it is proposed to cover the remaining districts within the financial year. Efforts are also on for setting up 6 regional Diagnostic Centres in selected district level hospitals to provide better facilities to the people. Efforts are on to establish Trauma Centres in the State.

My Government has acted on its commitment for the formation of autonomous and participative structures of management at the level of district hospitals for better management. District Societies have been constituted in all the districts. Hospital Management Society has also been formed for bringing about improvement in the functioning of the hospitals. My Government has implemented the Assam Health Establishments Act, 1993 to regulate health establishments like, Nursing Homes, Maternity Homes, Clinical

Laboratories etc. to enable provision of better medical health care.

In the sphere of medical education efforts will be made for improvement of teaching as well as treatment. It will be endeavour of my Government to make available modern facilities for diagnosis as well as treatment so that the people do not have to go outside the State for treatment. A scheme for Improvement of Diagnostic Facility including a C.T. Scan Machine at the Silchar Medical College is under implementation with assistance from the North Eastern Council.

Social Welfare

My Government has taken up different schemes for the socially disadvantaged and the underprivileged sections of the society. A new scheme namely, National Programme for Rehabilitation of the Disabled has been taken up at Guwahati, Silchar, Dibrugarh and Goalpara. The Integrated Child Development Scheme has almost been universalised and is now functioning through 196 ICDS projects. The nutrition component of this scheme is being provided under the Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana.

Programmes for the welfare and improvement of the status of women like, the Indira Mahila Yojana, Balika Samridhhi Yojana and Vocational Training cum Rehabilitation Centres are showing encouraging results. The State Commission for Women has been making an effective difference in the protection of their rights and in redressing their grievances.

FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES

The entire State is covered by a Public Distribution network of 32,229 Fair Price Shops and Retail Outlets. My Government is implementing the Antyodaya Anna Yojana Scheme whose recipients belong to the BPL category and are getting 35 kg of rice @ Rs 3/- per kg per family per month. One State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and 23 District Consumer Forums are functioning in the State.

Tourism

Endowed with nature's bounty, pristine forests, varieties of wildlife, virgin nature trails, colourful tribes, historical sites and ancient temples. Assam is an ideal tourist destination, Tourism also has a tremendous potential of self-employment especially in the services sector. Recognising this potential my Government is giving a special thrust to promote tourism in Assam. Extensive publicity and aggressive marketing of tourism products is being done through organising Tour Operators Met within the country and abroad, by holding festivals, by organising Familiarisation Tours and by opening and refurbishing of tourism offices at different entry points. I am happy to state the tourist arrivals in Assam are estimated at 17 lakhs during 2002 calendar year, which is a significant increase over that of 10 lakhs during 2001 calendar year.

With the approval of Tourism Circuits, focus is now being

given for destination development and for the development of infrastructure along these circuits. A number of schemes has been sanctioned for this purpose and include the Eco-Tourism Project at Bhalukpong, beautification of the riverfront along the Brahmaputra at Guwahati, integrated development of infrastructure at the Pilgrim Centre of Kamakhya and the Sound and Light Show at the Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra. Schemes with private participation have also been taken up which include the Amusement Park at Guwahati and introduction of a Cruise Vessel on the river Brahmaputra. It is also proposed to have a heritage and Eco-Resort at Majuli. The Dihing Patkai Festival, Brahmaputra Beach Festival, Elephant Festival, Bird Festival, Tezpur Festival and the Majuli Cultural Festival were organised during the year and received overwhelming response from tourists and visitors.

Sports & Youth Welfare

My Government gives great emphasis to channelise our youth into sports, youth welfare and other extra-curricular activities. It is involved in actively promoting sports and building sports infrastructure. In a significant development it has been decided to hold the 33rd National Games in Assam during 2005. My Government will have to bear the responsibility of holding these Games along with the Assam Olympic Association.

Pension & Public Grievances

My Government is committed to ensure quick disposal of cases of the State Government Pensioners. Pension Cells have been set up in State Government Offices with a Nodal Officer for this purpose. The Assam Services (Pension) Rules 1969 have been amended to make provisions for fixing responsibility and for taking disciplinary action against Government servants responsible for delay in payment of pension. Public grievances are also being redressed by my Government at different levels of the administration.

Administrative Reforms & training

My Government recognises that to improve the delivery of services to the people it is necessary to tone up the efficiency of the administration and to make it responsive, transparent and accountable at all levels. With this in view it has constituted an Administrative Reforms Commission in June 2002.

The Assam Administrative Staff College is engaged in making public services more effective through induction level and in-service training to the officials of the State Government. Under a UNDP sponsored project it has taken up a 'Training Needs Analysis' of different Departments. It is also engaged in conducting Training of Trainers courses. The Secretariat Training School has continued to impart training to the staff of the Assam Secretariat and has extended this training to the staff of DCs and SDOs as well as the State Police.

Public Health Engineering

My Government has accorded a high priority to the provision of safe drinking water to the people of the State. Schemes are under implementation to cover in a phased manner Non Covered and Partially Covered Habitations with safe drinking water with funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, the Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana and State Plan. A Fluoride Mitigation Programme is under implementation in Karbi Anglong and Nagaon districts under UNICEF assistance a scheme for providing drinking water and sanitation in Schools is also under implementation.

With a view to bring in community participation in the operation and maintenance of water supply schemes. A pilot project is already in operation in the districts of Kamrup, Sonitpur and Jorhat. My Government has also initiated action for the implementation of the participatory and community led Swajaldhara Rural Drinking Water Scheme. A Total Sanitation Campaign Programme has also been launched in 11 districts of the State with support from the government of India.

Labour & Employment

There are at present 24 ITIs including those meant for Women functioning in the State for providing skill development training in different trades. To augment and improve the quality of training at the ITIs, a scheme for the up-gradation and modernisation of 17 ITIs and for the establishment of 4 new ITIs is under implementation.

There are 28 ESI Dispensaries Hospitals functioning in the State. It is proposed to upgrade the 20 bedded ESI Hospital at Tinsukia to a 50 bedded Hospital. It is also proposed handover the 50 bedded Hospital at Beltola, Guwahati to ESIC, Government of India for upgrading it to a Model Hospital.

My Government has constituted a Committee to monitor and expedite the implementation of various demands of the All Assam Tea Tribes Students Association. The Assam Tea Employees Welfare Board is also engaged in promoting the welfare of tea garden workers and in taking up schemes such as, sponsoring for Nurses Training and other capacity building programmes for self employment.

Transport

The Inland Water Transport is presently operating 74 Ferry Services on the Rivers Brahmaputra and Barak and their tributaries. Commercial Cargo services for Bangladesh as well as other states of India via Kolkata are also presently under operation.

A scheme for restructuring the Assam State Transport Corporation is presently under implementation. For the purpose of increasing revenue, a scheme for operating private buses under the banner of the Corporation on fare sharing basis has been started with an encouraging response. The Corporation has also taken up joint venture with private parties for Cargo and Courier services.

Public Works

High priority has been accorded by my Government to the strengthening of the Rural Road Network. The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana is under implementation. It is proposed to take up schemes, in phases, for improving the existing village roads to all weather roads and for the conversion of SPT Bridges to RCC Bridges. Road and bridges are being taken up under ARIASP and the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund of NABARD and also from the Central Road Fund.

An East-West Corridor Project from Saurashtra to Silchar has been taken up by the National Highway Authority of India of which 729 kms fall within Assam. Considering the high industrial potential in the field of Oil, Tea and Coal, my Government considers it appropriate that this Project is extended by another 410 kms from Nagaon to Lekhapani. A Proposal for such an extension has already been submitted to the National Highway Authority of India.

Construction of the Fly-Over at Ulubari Chariali is under progress. One side of the Fly-Over has been opened to the public and the other side is expected to be completed soon. Construction of Railway Over Bridges at Athgaon and Bongaigaon are in Progress. Construction of the Multi-storeyed Secretariat Building at the Dispur Capital Complex is also under progress.

Excise

My Government would take action to ensure that the

production and sale of illicit liquor is checked. For this it proposes to bring in the Assam Molasses Control Act. It would also endeavour to ensure that unnecessary expansion of retail outlets, both of IMFL and country spirit, does not take place.

My Government is aware of the growing menace of drugs. The Assam State Anti Drug and Prohibition Council is presently engaged in creating social awareness and mobilising public opinion to tackle this problem. It is also running two drug de-addiction centres at Silchar and Jorhat in addition to existing centres run by the Health Department.

Relief & Regabilitation

Relief was provided to the victims of ethnic violence in Kokrajhar, Bongaigaon and Dhubri districts in the form of ex-gratia, rehabilitation grants and financial assistance. Financial assistance was also extended to the next of kin of persons killed by extremists in the State.

Public Enterprises

My Government has completed a review of all the State Level Public Enterprises under 22 Administrative Departments. It has finalised enterprise wise recommendations in an open meeting participated interalia, by eminent citizens, media personnel and the representatives of industry and trade unions. These recommendations

include revival of 24 enterprises, disinvestments in 5 and closure of 5. The recommendations are presently in the process of being implemented.

Revenue

My Government has taken concrete steps for the preparation of land records and augmentation of land revenue. It has identified the enhancement of land revenue of town lands as a major thrust area and has laid stress on completion of the reassessment of the major towns of Assam.

Steps have been taken for modernisation and strengthening of the revenue administration and funds released to all the districts for computerisation of their respective land records. Arrangements have also been taken to set up a complete Land Information System covering the whole State.

My Government has spent Rs 24.51 crores during the current year for providing relief to the people affected by hailstorms and floods and for the repair of critical infrastructure.

Urban Development & Guwahati

Development

My Government proposes to continue with the implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns, National Slum Development Programme and Swarna Jayanti Sahari Rojgar Yojana. The Assam

State Housing Board has also taken up schemes for providing residential accommodation to government employees under the Rental Housing Scheme. The Assam Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board is implementing a number of water supply schemes in different towns. It is also proposed to continue with the implementation of the Guwahati Metropolitan Area Storm Drainage Improvement Programme.

A comprehensive development plan for Guwahati is under preparation. Funds under the Non Lapsable Pool of Resources have been obtained for a number of schemes. These schemes are being implemented by the National Building Construction Corporation and relate to improving the lanes and bye-lanes within Guwahati Municipal Corporation, Storm Drainage Programme at Noonmati and providing residential accommodation to Safai Karmachari.

To bring in community participation emphasis is being given to the strengthening of Neighbourhood Groups, Neighbourhood Committees and the Community Development Societies in the implementation of schemes. An innovative Scheme namely, 'Own Your Light' has been launched in Guwahati with the involvement of the public for providing street lighting for those lanes and bye-lanes, which do not have streetlights.

Cultural Affairs

My Government is committed to preserve, protect and promote the rich cultural heritage of Assam. It will actively encourage

building up harmonious relationship among different sections of the people through the medium of cultural activities and interactions. It has organised a year long birth centenary celebration of Rupkonwar Jyoti Prasad Agarwalla last year. Bishnu Rava Divas was celebrated and two eminent artists of the State were presented with the Bishnu Rava Award. Silpi Divas was also celebrated and Silpi Award presented to two eminent artists of the State.

From the current financial year, my Government has instituted the 'Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi Award for National Integration' for persons contributing significantly towards promoting peace, non-violence, national integration and mutual understanding among different ethnic communities.

Border Areas

Assam has 263 kms of Indo-Bangladesh border and 269 kms of Indo-Bhutan border. Development works are being taken up in these areas under the centrally funded Border Areas Development Programme for international border areas.

Science, Technology & Environment

My Government is committed to improve the socio-economic condition of the people through the popularisation of science and technology. For this schemes are being implemented in the areas of science & technology, remote sensing, environment and non-

conventional energy. Action is also being taken for providing and conserving a healthy environment.

Hon'ble Members, I have placed before you the policies and programme of my Government. My Government will make all efforts to implement the policies and programmes that have been outlined and would endeavour to secure communal harmony and all round development of the State. It would accord high priority for bringing peace in the State and for providing economic and social justice to the people. I hope your deliberations in the House will help achieve this objective.

Joi Aai Asom

Joi Hind

(Then the Hon'ble Governor took his seat and National Anthem was played)

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 make a speech. A copy of the speech has already been laid on the table and copies 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 His Excellency, The Governor of Assam.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition, Hon'ble Ministers of State, Hon'ble Members of the House, Chief Secretary, Commissioners, Secretaries to the Government of Assam, DGP and other senior police officers and the Head of the Department present in the officers Gallery Gentlemen of the Press in the Press Gallery, including electronic media persons, official reporters to join His Excellency, The Governor at a tea arranged in the Central Hall.

Arrangement for a Group Photograph of all the Hon'ble Members of the 11th Assembly with His Excellency the Governor of Assam has also been made in the open space near the Assembly chamber. All the Hon'ble Members are requested to assemble at the said place for the Group Photograph just before joining His Excellency, The Governor of Assam at tea.

The House stands adjourned for 40 minutes.

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

(The House reassembled 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 on the Governor's Address from Shri Haren Das. Now, I request Dr. Haren Das, Honb'le Member to move the Motion.

Dr. Haren Das : Honb'le Speaker Sir, I beg to move the Motion of thanks on the Governor's Address in this House of Assam Legislative Assembly to-day, the 26th February, 2003.

Mr. Speaker : Now, I call upon Dr. Idris Ali, to move for seconded the motion of Thanks on the Governor's Address.

Dr. Idris Ali : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I seconded the Motion of thanks on the Governor's Address.

Mr. Speaker : The Motion had now been moved. Debated on the Governor's Address had been allotted on 27th, 28th February, 3rd, 4th & 5th March, 2003. Amendments to the Motion of Thanks will be received by the Assembly Secretariat up to 3.00 P. M. to-day the 26th March, 2003. Hon'ble Members may submit the notice of amendments on the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Address on the time and date fixed above to the Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly or in the notice office if they so desire.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Now Item No. 3 : Under Rule 230 of the Rules of Procedure and conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, I called a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee at 2.30 P. M. on 13th February, 2003 in the conference Room of my office chamber at Dispur to finalise the calendar for the Budget Session of the Assembly commencing from today, the 26th February, 2003.

The Committee after a threadbare discussion decides that the current session of the Assembly should continue till 8th April, 2003. There would be 23 working days, 20 days would be devoted for transaction of Government Business and 3 days would be devoted for transaction of Private Member's Business.

The Calendar for the current session had been circulated amongst all the Hon'ble Members of the House.

I hope this has the approval of the House.

PANEL OF CHAIRMAN

Now Item No. 4. : Under Rule 9 (1) of the Rules of procedure and conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly I nominate the following Hon'ble Members to constitute the panel of chairman for the Budget Session of the Assembly, 2003.

1. Shri Pranab Gogoi
2. Shri Bidyasing Engleng.
3. Shri Dilip Kumar Saikia.
4. Shri Bimolangshu Roy.

LAYING OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE ACCOUNTS :

Now Item No. 5. I would request the Hon'ble Minister parliamentary Affairs, Shri Bharat Ch. Narah, to lay the Report: Appropriation Accounts and Finance Accounts for the year 2001-2002 relating to the Government of Assam.

Shri Bharat Ch. Narah (Minister) Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the Report, Appropriation Accounts and Finance Accounts for the year 2001-2002 relating to the Government of Assam.

INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNMENT BILL

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 6.

I would request Hon'ble Minister of State (Ind.) Minorities and Char. Area Development Department to move the Motion for introduction of the Bill.

শ্রীহিতেন্দ্র নাথ গোস্বামী : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই 'আসাম ষ্টেট কমিশ্যন ফৰ মাইনোৰিটিচ বিল' ২০০৩ বিলখন সদনত যেতিয়া পেশ কৰিছে বিলখনৰ ইনট্ৰোকাৰ্শ্যন ষ্টেজতে মই কব বিচাৰিছো ইয়াত ফাইনেনচিয়েল মেমোৰেণ্ডামৰ ব্যৱস্থা দিয়া হোৱা নাই। ফাইনেনচিয়েল মেমোৰেণ্ডামত ফাইনেনচিয়েল ইনভলভমেণ্ট নাই বুলি কৈছে। বিলখনত উল্লেখ কৰা মতে For the Monorities Bill 2003 of Assam State Commission "There will be no financial expenditure ক্লোজ - ২ আৰু ৩ ত দিয়া মতে এজন চেয়াৰমেন হব আৰু তেওঁৰ কাৰ্যকাল হব ৩ বছৰ, সেইদৰে দুজন মেম্বাৰো নমিনেট কৰা হব। ক্লোজ ৫ ত কৈছে কমিশ্যনৰ কাম-কাজ চলোৱা আৰু ইয়াৰ ফাংশ্যনৰ কাৰণে এজন চক্ৰেটাৰী আৰু অন্যান্য

বিষয়া আৰু ষ্টাফ থাকিব। The state government shall provide the commission with a secretary and such other officers and employer as may be necessary for the efficient performance of the functions of the commission এতিয়া এই তিনিজন মেম্বাৰ আৰু ষ্টাফক দৰমহা ইত্যাদি দিয়াৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত ইয়াত ক্লোজ-৬ ত কোৱা হৈছে— The salaries and allowance payable to the chairperson and Member and the administrative expenses, including salaries and allowances payable to the officers and other employees, shall be paid out of the grants referred to in sub-section (1) of Section 10. in Assamese আকৌ ক্লোজ - ১০ ত কৈছে Government, shall after the appropriation made by the state Legislature by law in this behalf, pay to the commission by way of grants such sums of money as the state Government may think fit for being utilised for the purposes of this Act. এই গোটেই বস্তুটো মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে কোৱা মতে 'মাইনোৰিটিৰ' সুৰক্ষাৰ স্বাৰ্থত এই বিলখন অনা হৈছে কিন্তু টকা-পইচা আৱণ্টন দিয়াৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত এইটো পাল মৰাৰ নিচিনা ব্যৱস্থা হৈছে। কোনো এক্সট্ৰা টকা-পইচা নাই তেনেক্ষেত্ৰত কমিশ্যনৰ কাম-কাজ কেনেকৈ চলিব? তাৰোপৰি ষ্টেট গভাৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ ফাইনেচিয়েল অৱস্থাটো জানেই। টকা-পইচা দিয়াৰ যদি কোনো ব্যৱস্থাই নাই তেনেস্থলত মাইনোৰিটিৰ স্বাৰ্থত এই কমিশ্যনে কি কাম কৰিব বা কিমান দূৰ আগবাঢ়িব পাৰিব তাত সন্দেহ হয়। কিয়নো পাওৱাৰ ডিপাৰ্ট মেণ্টৰ ক্ষেত্ৰতো এজন চেয়াৰমেন নিযুক্তি দিয়া হৈছিল, পাওৱাৰ বেপুলেটৰী কমিটি গঠন কৰা হৈছিল, তাতো এনে ধৰণৰ ফাইনেচিয়েন সুবিধা নকৰাৰ কাৰণে কমিটি খনে। শেষত ফাংশ্যন কৰিব নোৱাৰিলে। গতিকে এই বিলখনৰ ইনট্ৰাদাকশ্যন ষ্টেজতে ফাইনেচিয়েল মেমোৰে

দায়ৰ যিটো ব্যৱস্থাৰ কথা বিলখনত উল্লেখ কৰিছে সেইটো চাই-চিতি বিবেচনা কৰা হওক।

ডঃ জয়নাথ শৰ্মা : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ক এইটো কথা ক'ব খুজিছে

যিটো ক'মেণ্টে - Hence there will be no financial involve-

ment.... এই আইনখন ইমলিমেণ্ট কৰিবলৈ যাওতে

ফাইনেনচিয়েল ইনভল্ভমেণ্ট হ'বনে নাই? যদি নহয় ঠিকেই কিন্তু

হ'লে টকা ক'ত পাব?

শ্ৰীৰাজেন্দ্ৰ আলি চৌধুৰী (ৰাজ্যিক মন্ত্রী স্বতন্ত্র) : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মাননীয়

সদস্য গৰাকীয়ে যিখিনি কথা উল্লেখ কৰিছে আমি সেই বিষয়টো

চিন্তা কৰিছোঁ। মাইনৰিটি ডেভেলপমেণ্ট বোৰ্ডত ইয়াৰ প্ৰভিজন

আছে। ইয়াৰ বাজেটৰ পৰাই এই মাইনৰিটি কমিচন চলাব পৰা

পৰা চলিবলৈ যাব।

শ্ৰীহিতেন্দ্ৰ নাথ গোস্বামী : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আজি বোৰ্ডখনৰে ফাংচন নাই।

এনেকৈ বিল পাছ কৰিলে আপোনালোকৰ চৰকাৰেই মাইনৰিটি

সকলৰ ৰোষত পৰিব।

ডঃ ডয়নাথ শৰ্মা : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে কৈছে যে যি টকা খৰচ হ'ব

বোৰ্ডৰ পৰা আনিব। সদনত আইন উত্থাপন কৰি অসাধ্য কথা

ক'বলৈ আহিছে। বোৰ্ডৰ পৰা টকা আনিব, ইয়াত টকা-পইচা

ইনভল্ভমেণ্ট নাই। এই আইন পিচলৈ অচল হ'ব।

Dr. Ardhendu Kumar Dey (Minister) : Sir, it will be discussed afterwards.

Mr. Speaker : Now I would request the Hon'ble Minister of State (Ind.) Shri Wazed Ali Choudhury to leave to introduce the "The Assam State Commission for Minorities Bill, 2003."

Shri Wazed Ali Choudhury (Minister) : Hon'ble Speaker
Sir, I beg leave to introduce the "The Assam
State Commission for Minorities Bill,
2003".....

Mr. Speaker : Is it the pleasure of the House to
grant leave to intoruduce the Bill?

(Voices..... 'Yes')

So, the leave is granted. Now, the Hon'ble
Minister to move.

Shri Wazed Ali Choudhury, (Minister) : Sir, I beg to
introduce the "The Assam State Commission
for Minorities Bill, 2003."

OBITUARY REFERENCES

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 7, obituary
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যোৰা ৯-১০-২০০২ তাৰিখে অসম বিধান সভাৰ অধিবেশনৰ সমাপ্তিৰ পৰা
আজি ২৬-০২-২০০৩ তাৰিখে অসম বিধান সভাৰ অধিবেশন অনুষ্ঠিত হোৱাৰ
এই কালছোৱাৰ ভিতৰত এই সদনৰ সদস্যকে ধৰি আমাৰ ৰাজ্যত তথা দেশৰ
বিভিন্ন ক্ষেত্ৰলৈ বিশেষ বৰঙনি আগবঢ়োৱা ভালেকেইগৰাকী বৰেণ্য ব্যক্তিৰ
পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। অতি দুখ আৰু ব্যথিত হৃদয়েৰে আজি অসম বিধান সভাৰ
পৰিৱৰ্ত্তিত মজিয়াত তলত নাম উল্লেখিত ব্যক্তিসকলৰ বিয়োগত শোক প্ৰকাশ
কৰিবলৈ লোৱা হৈছে।

১। বখীশ বৰুৱা চৌধুৰী :

চলিত একাদশ অসম বিধান সভাত ১নং বাতাৰাৰী সমষ্টিৰ প্ৰতিনিধিত্ব

কৰা নিৰ্দলীয় বিধায়ক বৰ্খীশ বৰ্জুন চৌধুৰীৰ চলিত বছৰৰ ৩ জানুৱাৰী তাৰিখে অকাল বিয়োগ ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স হৈছিল ৬৪ বছৰ। চৌধুৰী ডাঙৰীয়াৰ জন্ম হৈছিল ১৯৩৯ চনৰ ৭ মাৰ্চ তাৰিখে।

প্ৰয়াত বৰ্খীশ বৰ্জুন চৌধুৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই প্ৰথমবাৰলৈ বিধায়ক হিচাপে নিৰ্বাচিত হৈ নিজকে এগৰাকী ৰাইজৰ যোগ্য প্ৰতিনিধি হিচাপে প্ৰতিপন্ন কৰিবলৈ সক্ষম হৈছিল। বিভিন্ন সামাজিক কাম-কাজত জড়িত চৌধুৰী এগৰাকী জনপ্ৰিয় সমাজকৰ্মী আছিল। সমাজৰ সকলো শ্ৰেণীৰ লোকৰ মাজত বিশেষভাৱে জনপ্ৰিয়তা অৰ্জন কৰা চৌধুৰী ডাঙৰীয়া বিভিন্ন সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠানৰ উপৰিও শিক্ষানুষ্ঠান, ক্লাব, ইউনিয়নৰ সৈতে ওতঃপ্ৰোতঃভাৱে জড়িত আছিল।

এনে এগৰাকী জনপ্ৰিয় সমাজকৰ্মী তথা ৰাজনীতিজ্ঞৰ মৃত্যুত বাতাবাৰী সমষ্টিৰ ৰাইজৰ লগতে আমি এগৰাকী সতীৰ্থক আৰু সমগ্ৰ অসমে এগৰাকী ৰাইজৰ নেতাক হেৰুৱালে।

২। বীৰেণ বৰকটকী :

প্ৰতিযশা সাহিত্যিক, সাংবাদিক, মুক্তি যুঁজাৰু, অসম সাহিত্য সভাৰ প্ৰাক্তন সভাপতি বীৰেণ বৰকটকীৰ যোৱা ২০০২ চনৰ ৪ ডিচেম্বৰ তাৰিখে মৃত্যু হয়। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৭৭ বছৰ।

শোণিতপুৰ জিলাৰ চতিয়াত ১৯২৪ চনৰ ২৩ মাৰ্চত জন্মগ্ৰহণ কৰা বৰকটকী ডাঙৰীয়াই ১৯৫৩ চনত শিৱসাগৰ মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ অসমীয়া বিভাগৰ প্ৰবক্তা হিচাপে কৰ্মজীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰি ১৯৮৫ চনত শিৱসাগৰ ছোৱালী মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ অধ্যক্ষ হিচাপে চাকৰিৰ পৰা অৱসৰ গ্ৰহণ কৰে। কবি, ঔপন্যাসিক আৰু সাহিত্যিক সমালোচক বৰকটকী ডাঙৰীয়াই অসম সাহিত্য সভাৰ কামপুৰ অধিবেশনত সভাপতিৰ পদ অলংকৃত কৰিছিল।

অসম সাহিত্যলৈ উল্লেখযোগ্য বৰঙণি আগবঢ়োৱা বৰকটকীয়ে “ওপজা মাটিৰ সোণ”, “চিনাকী পৃথিৱী”, “মৃত্যু গছকি আনা জয় জিনি”, “খোজতে মিলিও খোজ”, “সাহিত্যৰ পটভূমি” আদি গ্ৰন্থৰ উপৰি বহু সংখ্যক ৰচনাৰে অসমীয়া সাহিত্যৰ ভঁৰাল চহকী কৰি থৈ গৈছে। তেখেতে দৈনিক অসমীয়া, নতুন অসমীয়া কাকতৰ উপৰিও মাহেকীয়া আলোচনী ‘ৰামধেনুতো’ সাংবাদিক হিচাপে

কাৰ্যনিৰ্বাহ কৰিছিল। ১৯৪২ চনৰ 'ভাৰত ত্যাগ' আন্দোলনত তেখেতে অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰি গ্ৰেপ্তাৰ বৰণ কৰিবলগীয়া হৈছিল।

সাহিত্য আৰু সংবাদ জগতৰ এই গৰাকী বিশিষ্ট ব্যক্তিৰ মৃত্যুত অসমীয়া সাহিত্য তথা সমাজ জীৱনৰ এক পূৰাব নোৱাৰা ক্ষতি হ'ল।

৩। প্ৰতিমা পাণ্ডে বৰুৱা :

লোক সংগীতৰ সম্ৰাজ্ঞী প্ৰতিমা পাণ্ডে বৰুৱাই ২০০২ চনৰ ২৭ ডিচেম্বৰ তাৰিখে গুৱাহাটীৰ এখন বেচৰকাৰী চিকিৎসালয়ত শেষ নিশ্বাস ত্যাগ কৰে। আজীৱন গোৱালপৰীয়া লোক সংগীতৰ সাধক প্ৰতিমা পাণ্ডেবৰুৱাৰ জন্ম হৈছিল ১৯৩৫ চনৰ ৩ অক্টোবৰত ক'লকাতাত। ক'লকাতা আৰু গৌৰীপুৰত শিক্ষা লাভ কৰা প্ৰতিমা পাণ্ডেবৰুৱাই কলেজীয়া শিক্ষা আধাতে সামৰি অসমীয়া লোক সংগীত বিশেষকৈ গোৱালপৰীয়া লোকগীতৰ চৰ্চাত মনোনিবেশ কৰিবলৈ লয়। তেখেতৰ যত্নতে গোৱালপৰীয়া লোকগীতে ৰাজ্য আৰু দেশৰ মঞ্চত বিশেষ মৰ্যাদা লাভ কৰিছিল। অসমৰ বিভিন্ন প্ৰান্তত আনকি বিদেশৰ মঞ্চতো প্ৰতিমা পাণ্ডে বৰুৱাৰ সুৱদী কণ্ঠৰ গোৱালপৰীয়া লোকগীতে সহস্ৰ জনক আল্লত কৰিবলৈ সমৰ্থ হৈছিল। তেখেতে ডঃ ভূপেন হাজৰিকাৰ সৈতে লোকগীতৰ ৰেকৰ্ড বাণীবদ্ধ কৰি অসমৰ শ্ৰোতা ৰাইজৰ এগৰাকী অতি আপোন শিল্পী হৈ পৰে। ১৯৮৯ চনত সংগীত নাটক অকাডেমী বঁটাৰে তেখেতক সন্মানিত কৰা হয়। ১৯৯১ চনত ভাৰত চৰকাৰে তেখেতক 'পদ্মশ্ৰী' উপাধিৰে সন্মানিত কৰে। ২০০০ চনত উত্তৰবংগ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে প্ৰতিমা পাণ্ডে বৰুৱাক 'ডিলিট্' উপাধি প্ৰদান কৰে। এই মহিয়সী শিল্পী গৰাকীয়ে লাভ কৰা বঁটাৰ ভিতৰত "অসম শিল্পীদিৱস বঁটা", "জয়মতী বঁটা", "বিষ্ণুৰাভা বঁটা", "অসম নাট্য সমিতি বঁটা" আদি অন্যতম আছিল।

গোৱালপৰীয়া লোক সংগীতৰ কিংবদন্তীস্বৰূপ শিল্পী, প্ৰতিমা পাণ্ডে বৰুৱাৰ মৃত্যুৰ লগে লগে অসমৰ লোক সঙ্গীত জগতত এক প্ৰকাৰ শূন্যতাৰ সৃষ্টি হোৱা বুলিব পাৰি। তেখেতৰ মৃত্যু আমাৰ দেশৰ তথা ৰাজ্যখনৰ বিশেষকৈ সাংস্কৃতিক জগতৰ এক অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি।

৪। আইদেউ সন্দিকৈ :

প্রথম অসমীয়া বোলছবিৰ প্ৰথম গৰাকী নায়িকা, শিল্পী আইদেউ সন্দিকৈয়ে যোৱা ১৭ ডিচেম্বৰ ২০০২ তাৰিখে ইহলীলা সম্বৰণ কৰে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স হৈছিল ৮২ বছৰ। গোলাঘাট জিলাৰ কমাৰগাঁওৰ পানীদিহিঙীয়া গাঁৱৰ নিজা বাসভৱনত মৃত্যু হোৱা আইদেউ সন্দিকৈয়ে ১৯৩৫ চনতে ৰূপকোঁৱৰ জ্যোতিপ্ৰসাদ আগৰৱালাৰ প্ৰথম অসমীয়া পূৰ্ণ দৈৰ্ঘ্য কথাছবি 'জয়মতী'ৰ নাম ভূমিকাত অভিনয় কৰা প্ৰথম গৰাকী অসমীয়া অভিনেত্ৰী। 'জয়মতী' ছবিত অভিনয় কৰি ৰক্ষণশীল সমাজৰ ৰোষত পৰা স্বত্বেও আইদেউ সন্দিকৈৰ সাংস্কৃতিক যাত্ৰা স্কন্ধ হৈ যোৱা নাছিল। ১৯৮৪ চনত তেখেতে ৰাজ্য চৰকাৰৰ শিল্পী পেঞ্চন লাভ কৰে। ১৯৮৫ চনত অসম চৰকাৰে আইদেউক তামৰ ফলক প্ৰদান কৰাৰ উপৰিও সন্মানৰ চিন স্বৰূপে এটা নটৰাজৰ মূৰ্তি প্ৰদান কৰিছিল। শিল্পী গৰাকীৰ বাসস্থান পানীদিহিঙীয়াত আইদেউ সন্দিকৈৰ নামেৰে তেখেতৰ জীৱিত কালতে এখন মধ্য ইংৰাজী বিদ্যালয় প্ৰতিষ্ঠা কৰাৰ কাৰ্য তেখেতৰ প্ৰতি গুণমুগ্ধ সকলৰ যথোচিত সন্মান বুলিব পাৰি।

অসমৰ বাইজৰ অতি আপোন শিল্পী আইদেউ সন্দিকৈৰ মৃত্যুত অসমীয়া চলচিত্ৰৰ এটি অধ্যায়ৰ সমাপ্তি ঘটাৰ লগে লগে সমাজখনৰো এক পূৰ্বাৰ নোৱাৰা ক্ষতি হ'ল।

৫। ভূৱন চন্দ্ৰ সন্দিকৈ :

প্ৰখ্যাত বুৰঞ্জীবিদ ভূৱন চন্দ্ৰ সন্দিকৈৰ যোৱা ১০ জানুৱাৰী ২০০৩ তাৰিখে জয়সাগৰৰ নিজা বাসভৱনত পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স হৈছিল ৯৪ বছৰ।

প্ৰয়াত সন্দিকৈ আছিল বিভিন্ন সামাজিক অনুষ্ঠান-প্ৰতিষ্ঠানৰ লগত জড়িত ব্যক্তি। বহুবছৰ ধৰি জয়সাগৰত অৱস্থিত পঞ্চায়ত প্ৰশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্ৰৰ অধ্যক্ষ পদ অলংকৃত কৰাৰ উপৰিও সন্দিকৈ ডাঙৰীয়া "গান্ধী শ্ৰাবক নিধি"ৰ প্ৰাক্তন অধ্যক্ষ আছিল। 'বংপুৰ পাণ্ডা' নামৰ পুথিৰ যোগেদি বংপুৰ আৰু ইয়াৰ আশে-পাশে থকা আহোম ৰাজত্বৰ দিনৰ কীৰ্তিচিহ্ন সমূহৰ পৰিচয়মূলক টোকা আগবঢ়াই তেখেতে সকলোৰে দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰিছিল। প্ৰয়াত, সন্দিকৈ ডাঙৰীয়া পিয়লী

ফুকন' আৰু 'সেই সময়তো', 'চাংকং ফুকনৰ বুৰঞ্জী', 'ৰংপুৰৰ গাইড', 'বিহৰ বেপাৰ', 'পুৰণি অসমৰ কুটিৰ শিল্প', 'ভূৱন গগৈৰ স্মৃতি' আৰু 'অসমত মুছলমান' শীৰ্ষক পুথি ৰচনাৰে অসম বুৰঞ্জীৰ উঁহাল চহকী কৰি থৈ গৈছে। ২০০১ চনত ৰংপুৰ কীৰ্তি চিহ্ন সংৰক্ষণ সমিতিয়ে বুৰঞ্জীবিদ গৰাকীক 'বুৰঞ্জী প্ৰভাকৰ' উপাধিৰে সন্মানিত কৰিছিল।

অসম মাতৃৰ এই গৰাকী সু-সন্তান বিয়োগত ৰাজ্যখনৰ এক অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

৬। পুলিন বিহাৰী বৰঠাকুৰ :

বিশিষ্ট সাংবাদিক, ভাৰত চৰকাৰৰ তথ্য আৰু অনাতাৰ মন্ত্ৰণালয়ৰ প্ৰাক্তন উচ্চপদস্থ বিষয়া তথা অসম চৰকাৰৰ জনসংযোগ বিভাগৰ প্ৰাক্তন সঞ্চালক পুলিন বিহাৰী বৰঠাকুৰৰ যোৱা ৯ ডিচেম্বৰ ২০০২ তাৰিখে পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স হৈছিল ৭৭ বছৰ।

১৯২৬ চনত দেৰগাঁৱত জন্মগ্ৰহণ কৰা পুলিন বিহাৰী বৰঠাকুৰ এগৰাকী সুদক্ষ সাংবাদিক আছিল। 'আসাম ট্ৰিবিউন' কাকতৰ সৈতে জড়িত বৰঠাকুৰ ডাঙৰীয়াই 'চেন্টিনেল কাকত'ৰ দিল্লীৰ প্ৰতিনিধি হিচাপেও এসময়ত কাৰ্যনিৰ্বাহ কৰিছিল। বৰঠাকুৰ ডাঙৰীয়াই কেবাখনো উল্লেখযোগ্য গ্ৰন্থ ৰচনা কৰি থৈ গৈছে।

এইগৰাকী সুদক্ষ সাংবাদিক তথা ব্যক্তিৰ মৃত্যুত আমাৰ ৰাজ্যখনৰ এক পূৰাব নোৱাৰা ক্ষতি হ'ল।

৭। শৰৎ মজুমদাৰ :

ভ্ৰাম্যমান থিয়েটাৰ জগতৰ অগ্ৰণী নাট্যকৰ্মী তথা 'থিয়েটাৰ ভাগ্যদেৱী'ৰ মুখ্য প্ৰযোজক, সমাজকৰ্মী শৰৎ মজুমদাৰৰ যোৱা ২০০২ চনৰ ২৯ ডিচেম্বৰ তাৰিখে পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৭৬ বছৰ।

১৯২৬ চনত জন্মগ্ৰহণ কৰা শৰৎ মজুমদাৰে অসমৰ থলুৱা লোক কলাসমূহক সমাজ জীৱনত উপস্থাপন কৰিবলৈ যাত্ৰা পাৰ্টিৰ জৰিয়তে সাংস্কৃতিক জীৱনৰ পাতনি মেলিছিল। তেখেত যাদুকৰ হিচাপেও পৰিচিত আছিল। ১৯৫৫ চনত অভিনয় জীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰা মজুমদাৰ ডাঙৰীয়াই নটৰাজ অপেৰা পাৰ্টি, পূৰ্বজ্যোতি থিয়েটাৰ, মুগকুছি মিলন নাট্য সমিতিৰ সৈতেও জড়িত আছিল। 'ভাগ্যদেৱী নাট্য

সমিতি' গঠন কৰি ১৯৭৬ চনত ইয়াক ভ্ৰাম্যমান নাট্য দল হিচাপে গঢ়ি তোলে। ১৯৯৯ চনত ৰাজ্য চৰকাৰৰ শিল্পী পেঞ্চন প্ৰাপ্ত মজুমদাৰ ডাঙৰীয়া ভালেসংখ্যক অনুষ্ঠানৰ লগতো জড়িত আছিল।

অসম মাতৃৰ এই গৰাকী সু-সন্তানৰ বিয়োগত অসমৰ ভ্ৰাম্যমান নাট্যজগতৰ বাবে অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি।

৮। ভৱেশ সান্যাল :

ভাৰতীয় শিল্পজগতৰ এক নমস্য ব্যক্তি দেশৰ প্ৰতিযশা চিত্ৰশিল্পী ভৱেশ সান্যালৰ যোৱা ৯ জানুৱাৰী ২০০৩ তাৰিখে পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ১০২ বছৰ।

১৯০১ চনৰ ২২ এপ্ৰিলত ডিব্ৰুগড়ত জন্মগ্ৰহণ কৰা ভৱেশ সান্যাল ডাঙৰীয়াই ডিব্ৰুগড় আৰু কলকাতাত শিক্ষাগ্ৰহণ কৰে। প্ৰথমে লাহোৰ আৰু পিছত দিল্লীত নিগাজীকে থিতাপি লোৱা সান্যাল ডাঙৰীয়াই জীৱনৰ শেষ পৰ্যন্ত শিল্প সাধনাকে জীৱনৰ ব্ৰত হিচাপে গ্ৰহণ কৰিছিল। ভাৰতীয় চিত্ৰ কলাৰ পথিকৃতস্বৰূপ এইগৰাকী চিত্ৰকৰ তথা ভাস্কৰ্য শিল্পীয়ে বিংশ শতিকাৰ ভাৰতীয় কলা শৈলীৰ আটাইকেইটা পৰ্যায়ৰে সাক্ষ্য বহন কৰিছিল। অসম চৰকাৰৰ “শ্ৰীমন্ত শংকৰদেৱ বঁটা”প্ৰাপ্ত ভৱেশ সান্যাল ডাঙৰীয়াই ১৯৮৭ চনত লাভ কৰিছিল “পদ্মভূষণ” সন্মান। ১৯৬০ চনৰ পৰা ১৯৬৯ চনলৈ ললিত কলা একাডেমীৰ সচিব ৰূপেও তেখেতে দক্ষতাৰে কাৰ্য নিৰ্বাহ কৰিছিল।

এইগৰাকী বৰণ্য চিত্ৰ শিল্পীৰ মৃত্যুত দেশৰ শিল্প কলা জগতত এক শূন্যতাৰ সৃষ্টি হ'ল।

৯। যদু বৰপূজাৰী :

ৰামধেনু যুগৰ বিশিষ্ট গল্পকাৰ, ঔপন্যাসিক, গীতিকাৰ, নাট্যকাৰ, নিৰন্ধকাৰ, শিক্ষাবিদ, যদু বৰপূজাৰীৰ যোৱা ৮ জানুৱাৰী, ২০০৩ তাৰিখে পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স হৈছিল ৬৯ বছৰ।

১৯৩৪ চনত শিৱসাগৰ জিলাৰ সোণাৰিত জন্মগ্ৰহণ কৰা বৰপূজাৰী দেৱে

শিৱসাগৰত শিক্ষা জীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰি গুৱাহাটীৰ ভোলা বৰুৱা কলেজৰ পৰা স্নাতক ডিগ্ৰী লৈ প্ৰাইভেটকৈ ডিব্ৰুগড় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ পৰা স্নাতকোত্তৰ ডিগ্ৰী লাভ কৰে।

১৯৫৩ চনত “অসম ট্ৰিবিউন” আৰু পিচলৈ ‘অসমবাণী’ আৰু ‘দৈনিক অসম’ কাকতৰ সৈতেও তেখেতে জড়িত আছিল। ডুমডুমা কলেজত অসমীয়া বিভাগৰ প্ৰবক্তাৰূপে যোগদান কৰি তাৰ পৰাই তেখেতে অৱসৰ গ্ৰহণ কৰে। ১৯৯৫ চনত কাকপথাৰ মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ প্ৰতিষ্ঠাপক অধ্যক্ষ হিচাপেও বৰপূজাৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই সেৱা আগবঢ়াইছিল।

ষাঠিৰ দশকতে গল্প লিখিবলৈ আৰম্ভ কৰা বৰপূজাৰী ডাঙৰীয়াৰ আৱাহন, ৰামধেনু, নৱযুগ, শাস্তিদূত, আমাৰ প্ৰতিনিধি, গৰীয়সী, অগ্ৰদূত আদি কাকত আলোচনীত প্ৰকাশিত গল্পসমূহে বিশেষ সমাদৰ লাভ কৰিছিল। বৰপূজাৰী ডাঙৰীয়া এগৰাকী প্ৰতিষ্ঠিত শিশু সাহিত্যিক তথা নাট্যকাৰ হিচাপেও জনাজাত আছিল। তেখেতে অসম চৰকাৰৰ পৰা সাহিত্যিক পেন্সন লাভ কৰিছিল।

সাহিত্য আৰু শিক্ষা জগতৰ এইগৰাকী বিশিষ্ট ব্যক্তিৰ মৃত্যুত আমাৰ সমাজ জীৱনৰ এক অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

১০। প্ৰফুল্ল হাজৰিকা :

অসমৰ ক্ৰীড়াৰাজ্যত নিজ প্ৰতিভাৰে সৌৰভ বিলোৱা আৰু স্বৰাজ্যোত্তৰ কালৰ অসমৰ শ্ৰেষ্ঠ গ'লকীপাৰ হিচাপে স্বীকৃত হোৱা প্ৰফুল্ল হাজৰিকাৰ যোৱা ৮ জানুৱাৰী ২০০৩ তাৰিখে দেহাৱসান ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৭৬ বছৰ।

ফুটবলকে ধৰি ক্ৰীড়াৰ বিভিন্ন ক্ষেত্ৰত বিশেষ প্ৰতিভাৰ পৰিচয় দিয়া হাজৰিকা ডাঙৰীয়াই অসম ফুটবল দলক কেবাবাৰো সন্তোষ ট্ৰফীত প্ৰতিনিধিত্ব কৰিছিল। হাজৰিকাই ‘আসাম ট্ৰিবিউন’ কাকত গোষ্ঠীত কৰ্ম জীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰি পিছলৈ ব্যৱসায়ত নামি এগৰাকী সফল ব্যৱসায়ী ৰূপে প্ৰতিষ্ঠিত হৈছিল।

এই গৰাকী বৰণ্য ফুটবলাৰ তথা ক্ৰীড়াবিদৰ মৃত্যুত ৰাজ্যখনৰ ক্ৰীড়াৰাজ্যত এক অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

১১। পদ্মনাথ শৰ্মা :

দৰং জিলাৰ প্ৰবীন মুক্তি যুঁজাৰু, সমাজকৰ্মী পদ্মনাথ শৰ্মাৰ যোৱা ৭ জানুৱাৰী ২০০৩ তাৰিখে মঙ্গলদৈৰ বঙামটি গাঁৱৰ নিজা বাসভৱনত পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স হৈছিল ৯০ বছৰ।

দেশৰ মুক্তি আন্দোলনত সক্ৰিয়ভাৱে জড়িত হৈ পৰা শৰ্মা ডাঙৰীয়া গান্ধীজীৰ দৰ্শন আৰু আদৰ্শেৰে অনুগামী ব্যক্তি আছিল। এগৰাকী বিশিষ্ট সমাজ সেৱক শৰ্মা ডাঙৰীয়া পঞ্চায়তী ব্যৱস্থাৰ লগত সুদীৰ্ঘকাল জড়িত আছিল।

এই গৰাকী প্ৰবীণ মুক্তি যুঁজাৰুৰ বিয়োগত আমাৰ সমাজৰ এক অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

১২। ত্ৰৈলোক্য নাথ শৰ্মা :

প্ৰবীন স্বাধীনতা সংগ্ৰামী, অসমৰ সংবাদ জগতৰ এগৰাকী পুৰোধা ব্যক্তি তথা “সাপ্তাহিক জনমভূমি” কাকতৰ প্ৰাক্তন সম্পাদক ত্ৰৈলোক্য নাথ শৰ্মাৰ যোৱা ৩০ ডিচেম্বৰ ২০০২ তাৰিখে পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স হৈছিল ৮৩ বছৰ। যোৰহাট নগৰৰ তৰাজান কাকতি গাঁৱত ১৯১৯ চনৰ ২২ নৱেম্বৰত তেখেতে জন্মগ্ৰহণ কৰিছিল। তেখেতে ১৯৪২ চনৰ ‘ভাৰত ত্যাগ’ আন্দোলনত সক্ৰিয়ভাৱে অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰিছিল। শিক্ষকতাৰে কৰ্ম জীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰা শৰ্মা ডাঙৰীয়াই ‘সাপ্তাহিক জনমভূমি’ কাকতৰ লগত জড়িত হৈ ১৯৫১ চনত সেইখন কাকতৰে সম্পাদকৰ দায়িত্ব বহন কৰে। জনমভূমি কাকতত অকণিহঁতৰ বাবে ‘মইনা মেল’ শিতান আৰম্ভ কৰা ত্ৰৈলোক্য নাথ শৰ্মা ৰাজ্যখনৰ মইনা পাৰিজাত অনুষ্ঠানৰ অন্যতম বাটকটীয়া আছিল। তিনিখনকৈ প্ৰকাশিকত গ্ৰন্থৰ লিখক শৰ্মা ডাঙৰীয়াই অসম চৰকাৰৰ সাহিত্যিক পেঞ্চন লাভ কৰিছিল। তেখেত বিভিন্ন অনুষ্ঠান-প্ৰতিষ্ঠানৰ লগত ওতঃপ্ৰোতঃভাৱে জড়িত আছিল।

এইগৰাকী বিশিষ্ট সাংবাদিক তথা সাহিত্য সাধকৰ মৃত্যুত ৰাজ্যখনৰ সংবাদ জগতৰ এজন জ্যেষ্ঠ ব্যক্তিক হেৰুৱালে।

১৩। ডঃ সৰ্বেশ্বৰ ৰাজগুৰু :

বিশিষ্ট সাহিত্যিক, বুৰঞ্জীবিদ, গৱেষক-পণ্ডিত, অসমীয়া ভাষা সাহিত্যৰ

নীৰ্বৰ সাধক ডঃ সৰ্বেশ্বৰ ৰাজগুৰুৱে যোৱা ২৩ ডিচেম্বৰ ২০০২ তাৰিখে শেষ নিশ্বাস ত্যাগ কৰে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৭৯ বছৰ।

১৯২৩ চনৰ ২০ জানুৱাৰীত শিৱসাগৰ জিলাৰ চাৰিঙত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা ৰাজগুৰু দেৱে স্কুলীয়া শিক্ষা চাৰিঙত আৰম্ভ কৰি যোৰহাটৰ জে-বি কলেজৰ পৰা স্নাতক ডিগ্ৰী, গুৱাহাটী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ পৰা এম-এ আৰু ডি-ফিল ডিগ্ৰী লাভ কৰে। ৰাজগুৰু ডাঙৰীয়াই ১৯৭৬ চনত ডক্টৰেট ডিগ্ৰী লাভ কৰে।

ভাষা-সাহিত্য-সংস্কৃতিৰ একনিষ্ঠ সাধক জ্ঞানৰ আকৰ ডঃ ৰাজগুৰুৱে কেইবাখনো মূল্যবান গ্ৰন্থ লিখি অসমীয়া ভাষা সাহিত্যক চহকী কৰি থৈ গৈছে। তেখেতে ৰচনা আৰু সম্পাদনা কৰা উল্লেখযোগ্য গ্ৰন্থসমূহ হ'ল - 'ইতিহাসৰ পাতমেলি', 'অসমীয়া সমাজ আৰু সংস্কৃতি', 'কবি আৰু কাব্যকথা', 'চন্দ্ৰ মল্লিকা', 'বুৰঞ্জীৰ কাহিনী', 'অসমীয়া জাতীয়তাবাদীৰ সামাজিক পটভূমি', ইত্যাদি। তেখেতৰ 'অসমীয়া প্ৰবাদ' গ্ৰন্থখন অসমীয়া ফঁকৰা যোজনাৰ ইতিহাসৰ এক লেখত লবলগীয়া পুথি।

এই গৰাকী ভাষা সাহিত্যৰ নমস্য ব্যক্তিৰ মৃত্যুত আমাৰ ৰাজ্যৰ সাহিত্য আৰু সমাজ জীৱনত এক শূন্যতাৰ সৃষ্টি হ'ল।

১৪। মেদিনী চৌধুৰী :

অসমৰ সাহিত্য তথা বৌদ্ধিক জগতত দীৰ্ঘকাল ধৰি সবল ভূমিকা গ্ৰহণ কৰি অহা বৰণ্য সাহিত্যিক, চিন্তাবিদ তথা সাংবাদিক মেদিনী চৌধুৰীৰ যোৱা ১৩ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী ২০০৩ তাৰিখে পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৭৬ বছৰ।

১৯২৭ চনত গোৰেশ্বৰৰ ৰামছা গাঁৱত জন্ম লাভ কৰা চৌধুৰী ডাঙৰীয়া আছিল অসমৰ গাঁও, নদ-নদী আৰু বুৰঞ্জীৰ ওপৰত বিশেষ দখল থকা এগৰাকী ব্যক্তি। অসমৰ সংবাদ আৰু সাহিত্য জগতলৈ অতুলনীয় বৰঙণি আগবঢ়াবলৈ সক্ষম হোৱা চৌধুৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই কুৰিখনৰো অধিক গ্ৰন্থ ৰচনা কৰি সাহিত্যৰ বৰঘৰত এক নিগাজী আসন লাভ কৰিবলৈ সক্ষম হৈছিল। অসম চৰকাৰৰ বেচম বিভাগৰ সঞ্চালক হিচাপে চৰকাৰী চাকৰিৰ পৰা অৱসৰ গ্ৰহণ কৰা চৌধুৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই প্ৰায় চাৰি দশককাল অসমীয়া গল্প, উপন্যাস আৰু ৰচনাৰে সাহিত্য জগতলৈ

বিশেষ অৰিহণা আগবঢ়াইছিল। ১৯৭০ চনত প্ৰকাশিত তেখেতৰ 'অনন্য প্ৰান্তৰ' নামৰ উপন্যাসে পঢ়ুৱৈৰ বিশেষ সমাদৰ লাভ কৰিছিল। তেখেতৰ দুখনমান উল্লেখযোগ্য গ্ৰন্থ হ'ল - "ফেৰেংগাদাও", বন্দুকা বেহাৰ আদি।

চৌধুৰী ডাঙৰীয়া ১৯৪২ চনত 'ভাৰত ত্যাগ' আন্দোলনতো সক্ৰিয়ভাৱে জড়িত হৈ পৰিছিল। ১৯৯৯ চনত 'বিপন্ন সময়' গ্ৰন্থৰ বাবে সাহিত্য অকাডেমী পুৰস্কাৰেৰে তেখেত সন্মানিত হৈছিল। চৌধুৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই অসম চৰকাৰৰ 'বিষ্ণুৱাভা বঁটা' আৰু ত্ৰিপুৰা চৰকাৰৰ 'অদ্বৈতমল্ল বঁটা'ৰ উপৰি অসম প্ৰকাশন পৰিষদৰ বঁটাও লাভ কৰিছিল।

এইগৰাকী সাহিত্য সৃষ্টিৰ মৃত্যুত অসমৰ সাহিত্য জগতত শূন্যতাৰ সৃষ্টি কৰাৰ লগতে ৰাজ্যখনে এগৰাকী সু-চিন্তাবিদ আৰু মানৱতাবাদী লেখকক হেৰুৱালে।

১৫। জুনুমণি শইকীয়া :

অসমৰ ক্ৰীড়া জগতত অতি কম বয়সতে বিশেষ স্থান লাভ কৰিবলৈ সক্ষম হোৱা ক্ৰীড়াবিদ জুনুমণি শইকীয়াৰ যোৱা ৮ ডিচেম্বৰ ২০০২ তাৰিখে দেহাৱসান ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেওঁৰ বয়স হৈছিল ২৮ বছৰ।

১৯৭৪ চনৰ পহিলা এপ্ৰিলত মাজুলীত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা জুনুমণিয়ে এথলেটিকছত সৰ্বভাৰতীয় পৰ্যায়ত নিজৰ স্থান সুৰক্ষিত কৰিবলৈ সক্ষম হৈছিল। এই গৰাকী ক্ৰীড়াবিদে একাধিকবাৰ ভাৰতীয় এথলেটিকছ দলকো প্ৰতিনিধিত্ব কৰিছিল। ১৯৯১ চনত শ্ৰীলংকাৰ চাফ গেমছত সোণৰ পদক আৰু চীনৰ বেইজিংত অনুষ্ঠিত "এছিয়ান ট্ৰেক এণ্ড ফিল্ড" প্ৰতিযোগিতাত ভাৰতীয় জুনিয়ৰ দলক প্ৰতিনিধিত্ব কৰি স্বৰ্ণপদক অৰ্জন কৰিছিল।

এইগৰাকী উদীয়মান ক্ৰীড়াবিদৰ মৃত্যুত অসমে এগৰাকী সুযোগ্য খেলুৱৈক হেৰুৱালে।

১৬। কল্পনা চাওলা :

প্ৰবাসী ভাৰতীয় তথা মাৰ্কিন মহাকাশ গৱেষণা সংস্থা 'নাছা'ৰ মহাকাশচাৰী কল্পনা চাওলা সহ আন ৬ গৰাকী মহাকাশচাৰীৰ যোৱা ১ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী ২০০৩ তাৰিখে আমেৰিকাৰ মহাকাশ যান 'কলম্বিয়া'ৰ বিস্ফোৰণত অকাল বিয়োগ ঘটে।

মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত কল্পনা চাওলাৰ বয়স আছিল ৪১ বছৰ।

১৯৬১ চনত হাৰিয়ানাৰ কাৰ্ণালত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা কল্পনা চাওলাই পাঞ্জাব অভিযান্ত্ৰিক মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ পৰা এৰোনেটিকেল ইঞ্জিনিয়াৰিঙত স্নাতক ডিগ্ৰী লাভ কৰে। ১৯৮৪ চনত আমেৰিকাৰ টেক্সাছ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ পৰা এৰোনেটিকেল ইঞ্জিনিয়াৰিঙত স্নাতকোত্তৰ ডিগ্ৰী লোৱা কল্পনা চাওলাই 'কলম্বিয়া' নামৰ মহাকাশ যানখনত জীৱনৰ দ্বিতীয়টো মহাকাশ অভিযানত এগৰাকী অভিযান বিশেষজ্ঞ হিচাপে যাত্ৰা কৰিছিল।

হাৰিয়ানাৰ এখন সৰু চহৰত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা এই গৰাকী ভাৰত কন্যাই সাহস আৰু সংকল্পৰ যি স্মৰণীয় দৃষ্টান্ত দাঙি ধৰিলে ই সকলো ভাৰতবাসী তথা বিদেশত কাম কৰা ভাৰতীয় বংশোদ্ভৱৰ বাবে সদায় অনুপ্ৰেৰণাৰ উৎস হৈ ৰ'ব।

কলম্বিয়াত নিহত কল্পনা চাওলা আৰু অন্য ৬ গৰাকী মহাকাশচাৰীৰ মৃত্যুত সমগ্ৰ বিশ্বৰ এক অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

এতিয়া ওপৰত নাম উল্লেখিত মৃত ব্যক্তিসকলৰ পৰিত্ৰ স্মৃতিত আৰু তেখেতসকলৰ বিদেহী আত্মাৰ সদগতি আৰু চিৰশান্তি কামনা কৰি এক মিনিট কাল থিয় হৈ মৌনতা অৱলম্বন কৰিবৰ বাবে এই সদনৰ মাননীয় সদস্য সকলৰ প্ৰতি মই অনুৰোধ জনালো।

(The Hon'ble Members of the house then observed one minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls)

শ্ৰীদিলীপ কুমাৰ শইকীয়া : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় আৰু এজন মানুহৰ নাম উল্লেখ কৰা নহ'ল। তেওঁ হৰিবংশ ৰাই বচ্চন।

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : আমি তেখেতৰ নামটোও অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত কৰি দিম।

Shri Brindaban Goswami, a member belonging to the Asom Gana Parishad Legislature Party having been recognised as its Leader and having fulfilled all the requirements laid down for recognising as the Leader of the Oposition. I have recognised Shre Brindaban Goswami as the Leader of the Oposition in the Assam

Legislative Assembly with effect from 2nd January, 2003 (forenoon) in pursuance of Section 2 of the Salary and allowances of the Leader of the Opposition in the Assam Legislative Assembly Act, 1978 read with item (P) of Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly and Rule 2(1) (c) of the Directions by the Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly (second Edition, 1978).

The House stands adjourned till 9 AM on 27.2.2003.

ADJOURNMENT

The House then stood adjourned at 11.21 A.M..till 9 A.M on 27th February, 2003.

DISPUR:

The 26th February, 2003.

M. K. Sarma

Secretary

Assam Legislative Assembly

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