Asam Sahitya Sabha’s one of the most prestigious publications till date, the five-volume ‘Asomiya Loka Sahityar Buranji’ was ceremonially released by the Sabha president Dr Kuladhar Saikia along with a batch of reputed academicians of Gauhati University, such as, Dr Tarani Kanta Deka, Dr Bimal Mazumdar and Dr Kanak Chandra Saharia, at Homen Borgohain Memorial Stage in the recently-held Assam Book Fair in Guwahati on January 2, 2022. It may be mentioned here that distinguished folk-culture scholar Dr Nabin Chandra Sharma on whom the Sabha had conferred its the most prestigious honour ‘Sadashya Mohiyam’ is the editor-in-chief of this five-volume ‘Asomiya Loka Sahityar Buranji’, and it was published by the Sabha in collaboration with Gauhati University. The Sabha’s publication sub-committee convenor Debajit Bora deserves special mention here for his untiring efforts behind bringing out this significant publication. Besides Dr Saikia, all three Gauhati University academicians spoke on the occasion. Debajit Bora was the moderator of this programme.

It was followed by holding of the third chapter of the Sabha’s much-popular programme ‘Swadesh-Swabhiman’ in which eight talented college and university students, considered as the representatives of the new generation of our society, spoke for five minutes each on some of the bright heritage of the greater Assamese nationality. The speakers and the topics they dealt with are: Unmilan Kalita (Assamese Self and Mindset : A Brief Analysis), Tridiv Bhagawati (Economy Holds the Key to Assert the Voice), Kallol Kashyap (Status of Women in Assamese Society), Gunjan Das (Food Habits in the greater Assamese Society), Jharana Bharali (Assamese Traditional Costume), Kiran Kaushik Hazarika (Martial Arts in Medieval Assam), Ruma Begum (Asam Sahitya Sbha and Assam’s New Generation) and Ananya Saikia (Kripabar Barbarua, Bezbaroa’s Immortal Creation).

The programme was quite impressively anchored by Barnil Medhi and Sugandhi Prapti. Three persons of eminence, namely, former Dibrugarh University Vice Chancellor Dr Alak Kumar Buragohain, noted educationist and social activist Smti Chinmoyee Goswami and senior journalist-cultural writer Mantu Saikia were present on the occasion as resource persons and all three of them presented their critical remarks on the views put forward by the speakers on their respective topics. The programme came to an end with the Sabha president Dr Kuladhar Saikia’s concluding remarks followed by the Sabha’s Sachib Chandan Sarmah’s proposing of vote of thanks.