

Ankia Bhaona workshop ends



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A 45 day long [workshop](#) on Aharya of Ankiya [Bhaona](#) was held in Assam under the auspices of the Society for SrimantaSankaradeva, an international organization engaged in promoting the legacy of Sankaradeva across the world.

The [workshop](#) sponsored by Sattriya Kendra of SangeetNatakAkademi took place from December 14 to January 27 at the Pragati Library inDhing.

Experts JadabMahanta, UtpalBania, Haren Goswami, Nityananda Goswami, TibrajyotiBairagi, Rani Dutta Barua, MriduMoucham [Bora](#), Chittaranjan [Bora](#), Kalyan Saikia and others trained the participants in making costumes, ornaments, masks, properties, headgears and even make-up among others. The [workshop](#) was led by both theory and practical classes. Weaving looms were set up to weave the requisite cloth in front of the participants, who also joined the weaving process.



Manoj Kumar [Das](#), Director of Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship as well as several bank officials also trained the participants in entrepreneurship. It may be noted that the goal of this [workshop](#) was to equip the participants in a manner that they could [start](#) their own production units of Aharya in different parts of Assam. Among those who interacted with the participants during the [workshop](#) were Dr.Sanjib Kumar Borkakoti, Dipak Saikia Pradip Hazarika, Deva Goswami, Sattradhikar of the NikamulSattrapunyabrata, Pabitraran [Bora](#), Cultural Secretary of the SrimantaSankaradevaSangha and the Registrar of the SrimantaSankaradevaViswavidyalaya, Dr.Ratul Chandra [Bora](#). Several scholars from Tezpur University also visited the [workshop](#).

Products made during the [workshop](#) were exhibited on the concluding day. The exhibition was inaugurated by RajatGanguli, Director, SangeetNatakAkademi, Northeast Centre. Speaking on the occasion he said that the Society for SrimantaSankaradeva had achieved great [success](#) in reviving an age-old tradition and imparting it to the new generation. He assured that SangeetNatakAkademi would henceforth extend all possible assistance sought.

The valedictory session was presided over by Dr.Sanjib Kumar Borkakoti, President, Society for SrimantaSankaradeva during which he expressed his gratitude to SangeetNatakAkademi for all the support received.

Toward evening, the participants in collaboration with the members of the Pragati Aharya enacted the Ankiya Bhaona 'Sri Ram Vijay'. The [Bhaona](#) was inaugurated by Dr. Kandarpa Kr. Deka, Vice Chancellor of Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya, Nagaon.

According to him the Society for Srimanta Sankaradeva had enabled the spread of Srimanta Sankaradeva's legacy across the world. General Secretary of the Asom Sattramahasabha Jibeswar Deva Goswami speaking on the occasion said that the [workshop](#) has been able to impart the essential know-how about the production of Aharya in correct form. The concluding ceremony saw the presence of Bhaona artist Deba Mahanta, researcher Dr. Biman Hazarika, social activist Kusha Mahanta and several others.

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