

Boost for Onkiya Bhaona



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A 45 day long [workshop](#) on Aharya of Ankiya [Bhaona](#) organised by Society for Srimanta Sankaradeva was inaugurated recently at Ratna Bhavan in [Dhing](#) by Bhadrakrishna Goswami, former President of Asom Sattrā Mahasabha by lighting traditional lamp. He lauded the path-breaking venture of the Society.

In this [workshop](#), costume making, ornament making, mask making, make-up etc will be taught practically and elaborately by leading experts of Assam.

The objective is that the trainees should set up own workshops for producing these items and thus become self-employed after the [training](#). Unemployed youths from different parts of Assam are being trained. The [workshop](#) is sponsored by Sattriya Kendra of Sangeet Natak Akademi.

It is for the first time that such a comprehensive [workshop](#) on Ahariya of Ankiya [Bhaona](#) is being organised in Assam. In fact this is the first time that any such [workshop](#) on Aharya is being organised anywhere in India for any type of drama form. It is thus an epoch making event.

The inauguration of the [workshop](#) was addressed by Devananda Deva Goswami, Sattradhikar of Bardowa Narowa Sattr, Dr Ratul [Bora](#), Regsitrar of Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya, Rajat Ganguli, Director of Sangeet Natak Akademi, North East Centre, and Jadab Mahanta, Deka Sattriya of Bogi Ai Alengi Sattr.

All of them stressed on the importance of preservation of traditional styles in Aharya and lauded the venture of Society for Srimanta Sankaradeva.

The inauguration function started with recital of verse from Geeta by eminent singer [Ranjan](#) Bezbarua, who sang Sanskrit version of a Bargeet too. The members of Pragati Aharya performed an excerpt of Ram Vijay [Bhaona](#) in the event. Kaushiki Saikia performed Gopi Nritya.

Dr Sanjib Kumar Borkakoti, President of Society for Srimanta Sankaradeva chaired the function. Mridu Moucham [Bora](#), General Secretary of Society for Srimanta Sankaradeva explained the purpose of the meeting at the outset. Pradip Hazarika, the co-ordinator of Society for Srimanta Sankaradeva compered the meeting.

Leading citizens and academicians of [Dhing](#) attended the event.

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