

Journalist should fight for their due rights: Panery MLA



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UDALGURI: [Journalist](#) should [fight](#) for their due [rights](#). Media as a fourth pillar if democracy has a great role to play in a democratic nation like [India](#). The journalists highlight the problems of common people but the plight of journalists remains unaddressed. This was observed by [Paneri](#) MLA, Kamali Basumatari while addressing the working journalists at a special [felicitation](#) programme here at Presidency Junior College in [Tangla](#) of [Udalguri](#) district on Sunday. The four times legislator further stated that the common people have a wrong notion that journalists are privileged class but in ground reality they face lots of hurdles from getting due wages to criticism by section of people. "I am always open to suggestions of the public and media. The positive criticism by media encourages me to work better. I have always fought for women and child [rights](#) and media have helped me highlight them." She added. Speaking on the occasion journalist Gunajit [Das](#) said, "Media though considered four pillars of democracy has not been duly recognized and the journalist given due recognition. He lamented the fact that the Majithia Wage Board suggestions regarding wages to journalists have been largely ignored by many media houses. The event organized by [Udalguri](#) district committee Assam Press Correspondents Union (APCU) in collaboration of [Tangla](#) Press Club feted 18 journalists of [Udalguri](#) district who have been received accreditation cards by the State Information and Public Relations (IPR). The event also awarded four journalists with Young Media Persons Award namely Bapan Sarma, Diganta Kumar Sarma, Bhuban Thapoliya and Gunajit [Das](#). The programme was attended by [Udalguri](#) AKRSU, [President](#), Hemanta Bora Koch; senior journalists Imran Hussain, Naba Kumar Deka; noted citizen, Likhan [Das](#), [Principal](#) of Presidency Junior College, Mohan [Das](#). The event also witnessed the [felicitation](#) of a number of local newspaper hawkers.

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