

National seminar on education



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All Bodo Students Union has organised a national seminar on Challenges and measures in ensuring quality [education](#) in vernacular medium (Elementary and Secondary) at Rabindra Bhawan , Guwahati on 7th May . The ceremonial lamp was lighted by Dr Hitesh Deka, Vice Chancellor of KKH State Open University. The session was chaired by Taren Bodo and key note speech was delivered by Pramod Bodo, [President](#) of ABSU. In his speech he mentioned that “it is already a decade elapse that the All Bodo Students Union (ABSU) has been seriously working in a mission mode program to improve quality [education](#) for Bodo medium since 2006 declaring ‘[Year](#) of [Education](#)’ and ‘Mission Quality [Education](#)’ from 2007 up to 2020.” “I would like to congratulate all because in the beginning year 2006 only 66 got first division in the HSLC exam from Bodo Medium but in the year 2015 it raise to 910” , stated by Pramod Bodo in his key note speech .

Speaking [as](#) resource person, Tapan Chakraborty, [Education](#) Minister, [Tripura](#) Government has shared his views on the subject in the light of people’s movement for [education](#) in [Tripura](#) [as](#) well [as](#) education policies and action plans [as](#) taken care of by the government of [Tripura](#) for enhancing quality in education. It is to be mentioned that literacy rate in [Tripura](#) in 1901 was [2.3](#) % and the same is now 96.82%.

The statistics of schools in [Tripura](#) justifies the fact that more than 95% schools in the [state](#) are government schools and [as](#) such, it can safely be said that unlike most of the other states the task of imparting education in this [state](#) is by and large shouldered by the government schools.

[Education](#) Minister said that “we are confident that with successful implementation of the measures adopted and motivated cooperation from the [community](#) and teacher, the challenge ahead can be combated and the cherished goal will be achieved”.

Speaking on the occasion Basanta Deka , Eminent Educationist of Assam has said that “the problem of government schools can be solved if government officials send their kids to government schools.”

Congratulating ABSU, Professor Shantha Sinha , Ramon Magsaysay Awardee and former Chairperson of [National](#) Commission for Protection of Child [Rights](#) has said that “ABSU has been fighting for the [rights](#) and justice of the students’ [community](#).” She mentioned that every child must go to school and study and [state](#) must take responsibility [as](#) education should not be any commodity. “We must have education with infrastructure and teacher can do well if they are engaged only in teaching”, Said [Prof](#) Sinha . She strongly advocated that teachers should not be engaged in any other activities by government apart from teaching. She also said that “we must celebrate the diversity and students should learn [as](#) many language [as](#) they can and learning in mother tongue does not mean opposing any other language.” She appealed ABSU to support good points in New [Education](#) Policies and at the same time [critique](#) the points which do not provide equality and justice.

Advocate Ashok Agarwal , Convener of All [India](#) Parent Association , [New Delhi](#) said that “there should be national law for the private schools and the school management committees of private schools must include 50% or more members from guardians and parents to avoid exploitation. More members with guardians’ means private schools cannot exploit the students or guardians.” He also said that, “there is need for amendment in RTE and free and compulsory education must reach to secondary which means till class XII.” He emphasized that government servants or officials must send their kids to government schools.

Other speakers and guest includes Thaneswar Malakar , Mission Director , SSA Assam ; [Krishna](#) Gopal Basumatary , director of [UN](#) Academy , Kokrajhar ; Urkhao Gwra Brahma Former MP of Rajya Sabha ; Rwn Gwra [Narzary](#), MCLA .

ABSU has made some [demands](#) which includes more budget allocation from center and [state](#) for educational development in Assam, proper implementation of RTE, permanent solution of the issues of venture schools through a time bound [policy](#) decisions subject wise teacher appointment and rationalizations of teacher-[student](#) ratio, compulsory education up to class XII or 18 years, accountability commission for Teachers and Authority, etc. It was attended by teachers, parents, guardians, students, representatives from different voluntarily organisation from different parts of the region.



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