

Promotion of Sankari culture in Kochbehar



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Society for Srimanta Sankaradevadeva (SSS), an international organisation engaged in promoting universal fraternity preached by saint Srimanta Sankaradeva, is organising an event in Madhupur Than, Kochbehar, West Bengal on November 23. The Madhupur Than, popularly known as Madhupur Dham is known for precious relics of both Srimanta Sankaradevadeva and Madhavadeva. It was founded by Madhavadeva on the instruction of Srimanta Sankaradevadeva. This important institution has faded into oblivion due to neglect by the government as well as public of Weest Bengal. So this event has been organised by SSS to draw public attention in West Bengal to the Than. A

seminar on Srimanta Sankaradeva's Contributions will be [held](#) in the Madhupur Than premises on that day along with cultural performance so that people in West Bengal can get exposure to the colourful Sankari culture.

Madhupur Than is facing many problems like encroachment. From a 400 bigha compound now it has been reduced to a mere 16 bigha compound. West Bengal government unfortunately patronised the encroachers in Madhupur Than land. Some local goons regularly threaten the Sattradhikar and [demand money](#) from him. Anti-social elements regularly create problems in the Than. None of these are unfortunately reported by media in either [Assam](#) or West Bengal. So Society for Srimanta Sankaradevadeva has embarked on an awareness generation campaign.

Several scholars from Kochbehar will speak on the life and works of Srimanta Sankaradevadeva in the seminar. Babul Bora, Chief Secretary of Srimanta Sankaradeva [Sangha](#) and Jibeswar [Goswami](#), Chief Secretary of Asom Sattr Mahasabha have given consent to attend the seminar as guests of [honour](#). President of Society for Srimanta Sankaradevadeva, Dr Sanjib Kumar Borkakoti, eminent author, Dr Dinesh Baishya, Dean in the [Centre](#) for [Media](#) and Cultural Studies, University of [Science](#) and [Technology](#), Meghalaya and several other scholars from [Assam](#) will attend the seminar.

Several artists of Srimanta Sankaradeva [Sangha](#) will perform items of Sankari dance and music. There will be a Lecture-cum-demonstration of Sattriya Nritya by Prateesha Suresh from [Mumbai](#) in the event. She will join with her [team](#) of danceuse. Eminent artist Pabitrpran Bora, who is also Cultural Secretary of Srimanta Sankaradeva [Sangha](#) will perform Sutradhari Nritya. Manoj Kumar Das of [Barpeta](#), who has performed in many places of India will perform solo Khol recital. Eminent Sattriya

Nritya exponent Sharodi [Saikia](#), who has earned acclaim as dancer, choreographer, [teacher](#) and music composer is also expected to attend the event. The day-long event will start from 10 am.

At the same [time](#), a Namghar will also be constructed at Tufanganj, where Chilarai lived in medieval times. A seminar will be [held](#) there on Nov 22 jointly by Srimanta Sankaradeva [Sangha](#) and Society for Srimanta Sankaradevadeva. Brisk preparation is on for both the programmes, in both Madhupur and Tufanganj. There will be follow-up programmes in future by both the organizations in these places. Society for Srimanta Sankaradevadeva, which has carried out different functions in the past to spread the egalitarian message of Srimanta Sankaradeva, appeals for public support for these events in West Bengal.

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