

Speech of the Hon'ble Governor on the Triennial National Conference and of the Akhil Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Yojana also a National Seminar is to be held at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra, Guwahati on 23rd Dec, 2018

Assam is a land of antiquity, of mystic traditions, of great beauty and mesmerising cultures, the land of Maa Kamakhya's glory yet renowned for traditions of the highest valour and martial spirit. From the era of Mahiranga Danava, the first king of Pragjyotishpura to the reign of Kumar Bhaskarvarman, monarch extraordinaire of ancient Kamarupa, to the valour and the glory of the mighty Ahoms in whose hands the modern identity of Assam was forged, Assam has been fortunate to have witnessed the reign of visionary monarchs and outstanding military commanders who have defended the land from invaders and crushed marauding armies with an iron fist.

In addition to the military might of Assam, social reform and mobility flourished across the state under the influence of the Neo-Vaishnavite movement, the principal exponent of which was the great Mahapurush and social reformer, Srimanta Sankardev. The influence of this great religious and social reform movement within the ambit of the great Hindu traditions of Assam can be gauged from the fact that it established a virtually classless, egalitarian society in which one and all found xaran or shelter.

However, the greatest and most important facet of the history of Assam lies in the fact that Assam was always, right from the ancient times, the ishankon of Bharatavarsha and as noted historian Debabrata Dutta opines in his 'History of Assam', the state was always an important and contiguous part of its great Hindu tradition.

From the Battle of Itakhuli to the legendary Battle of Saraighat, the brave monarchs and generals of Assam protected the motherland time and again and forged, at the same time, great developments in architecture, literature and the arts.

It is impossible to truly depict, in such brevity, even a microcosmic view of Assam's glorious history, for Assam, like one of the roots of its name is truly Asama: unparalleled.

Thus, it is with great enthusiasm that I welcome all academicians, historians, teachers, activists and enthusiasts to this momentous occasion of the XIth Triennial Conference of the Akhil Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Yojana which is being organised by its Assam chapter, Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Samiti, Assam.

The Akhil Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Yojana has carried out and accomplished certain landmark projects, namely, calculation and determination of the dates of the Mahabharata till the present day based on the Bharatiya Kalganana (Bharatiya system of time

reckoning). This has enabled an accurate reckoning of the tithis of the Mahabharata war, Gautama Buddha and Acharya Chanakya and Adi Shankaracharya etc. In addition to this, other significant projects also include the writing and compilation of the histories of the districts of Bharatavarsha from a correct perspective, in addition to writing and compiling the histories of Bharatiya pilgrimage sites, investigating into the histories of ancient cities of Bharatavarsha etc.

However, the feather in the cap of Akhil Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Yojana has been the pioneering and groundbreaking work carried out in researching and tracing the Vedic river, Saraswati and in disproving the Aryan Invasion Theory- two topics which have been distorted by vested interests in tradition historical and social science literature.

The illustrious team of historians, scientists and researchers have successfully disproved and dismissed convincingly the gross propaganda being carried out in the name of Aryan Invasion Theory, in addition to making major breakthroughs and progress in tracing and reclaiming the history of the Vedic River Saraswati.

I sincerely hope that the activities of the organisation being carried on with the enthusiasm of its delegates reaches higher and higher levels of excellence in the days to come.

Thank you,

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