

An introduction to North Lakhimpur College Publication

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1	<p>Introduction</p> <p>North Lakhimpur College Publication is one of the leading publication wings among educational institutions in Assam. It is a recognized name in the world of book publishing and distribution in the state. Although it was initially established solely for book publication, over time its activities expanded significantly. Today, it is regarded as one of the key driving forces in Assam's reading movement.</p> <p>North Lakhimpur College Publication was established in 2012 with Dr. Biman Chandra Chetia as the President and Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa as the Coordinator. Thanks to their joint efforts, the publication unit quickly gained strength and credibility. Earlier, former Principal Hemendra Kumar Gogoi had formed a publication group in the college in 2001 during the Golden Jubilee year, which published four books. However, that group soon became inactive. The North Lakhimpur College Publication formed in 2012 is not an extension of that group, but a completely new initiative with a fresh and distinct vision.</p> <p>[for watch video please click here: https://youtu.be/tA_8Tq2HG0c]</p> <p>Book publication remains the central objective of the North Lakhimpur College Publication. It follows a set of specific guidelines in selecting manuscripts. Books are not published merely for commercial gain; priority is given to works of intellectual value and those beneficial to students' curriculum. Special importance is also given to publishing books authored by students. All published books are marketed and distributed across Assam, including in Guwahati. Each book carries an ISBN and copies are sent to the National Library in Kolkata.</p> <p>One of the key goals of the publication is to make essential books easily accessible to students within the college premises. To that end, a full-fledged bookstore named <i>Granthalaya</i> was established on campus in 2012. Books are sold here to students at up to a 20% discounted price. Having completed over 14 successful years, <i>Granthalaya</i> has become a unique and exemplary model within the country.</p> <p>North Lakhimpur College Publication has also taken the initiative to establish libraries in rural schools. So far, it has helped set up libraries in nearly 10 village schools by donating books. These libraries also host activities such as lectures, essay competitions, and quizzes related to reading and literature.</p> <p>To cultivate reading habits among students, the publication organizes a regular program titled <i>Books and Conversations</i>, where students discuss recently read books. This initiative has been found to be highly</p>
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effective in encouraging reading culture.

Since 2018, North Lakhimpur College Publication has been organizing annual book fairs within the college. These fairs have gained prominence across Assam and play a significant role in fostering a literary environment. The publication also organizes book fairs outside the college—particularly in rural schools—where children’s book fairs are held as a form of community engagement.

It is also worth mentioning that North Lakhimpur College Publication serves as a major distribution agency for Assam’s top literary journals. Journals such as *Gariyoshi*, *Prakash*, and *Satsori* are made available here, with 175 copies of each brought in regularly—an effort well appreciated in Assam’s intellectual circles.

Importantly, the publication is financially self-reliant and has never depended on the college administration for funding. From staff salaries to organizing book fairs and publishing new books, all expenses are covered by the revenue generated from its own business operations.



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Composition

North Lakhimpur College Publication is managed by a committee. This committee is constituted for a term of five years. The first such committee was formed in 2012. The details of these committees are given below:

2022 - 2027

Dr. Hemanta Kumar Boruah, Advisor
 Dr. Mukunda Rajbangshi, Advisor
 Dr. Biman Chandra Chetia, President
 Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, Coordinator
 Dr. Ratul Kumar Lahan, Assistant Coordinator
 Banikanta Konwar, Member
 Hafez Ali Ahmed, Member
 Dr. Dhanaranjan Kalita, Member
 Dr. Dhiraj Patar, Member
 Ex-Offi-Cio Members:
 General Secretary, N.L.College Students' Union
 Magazine Secretary, N.L.College Students' Union

2017 - 2022

Hemendra Kumar Gogoi, Advisor
 Dr. Hemanta Kumar Boruah, Advisor
 Dr. Biman Chandra Chetia, President
 Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, Coordinator
 Dr. Ratul Kumar Lahan, Assistant Coordinator
 Rupanjali Morang, Member
 Banikanta Konwar, Member

Hafez Ali Ahmed, Member
 Dr. Dhanaranjan Kalita, Member
 Ex-Offi-Cio Members:
 General Secretary, N.L.College Students' Union
 Magazine Secretary, N.L.College Students' Union

2012 - 2017

Hemendra Kumar Gogoi, Advisor
 Dr. Biman Chandra Chetia, President
 Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, Coordinator
 Dr. Rupa Phukan, Member
 Rupanjali Morang, Member
 Banikanta Konwar, Member
 Hafez Ali Ahmed, Member
 Dhanaranjan Kalita, Member
 Rupam Gogoi, Member
 Hemanta Sarmah, Member
 Ex-Offi-Cio Members:
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 Magazine Secretary, N.L.College Students' Union



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Literary Activities

The primary aims and objectives of North Lakhimpur College Publication are closely associated with literature. The publication especially works to engage students in literary activities. Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, the coordinator, has been implementing these programmes in a well-planned manner, achieving notable success. The key literary activities of North Lakhimpur College Publication are briefly outlined below:

1. **Book Publication:** The College Publication has published a total of 75 books to date.
2. **Publication of Student Writings:** North Lakhimpur College Publication takes the initiative to publish stories, essays, and other literary works written by students. So far, 10 such books have been published.
3. **Bookstore:** The college publication maintains a well-stocked bookstore. Students can browse and purchase books at discounted rates from this store.
4. **Book Discussion Programme:** Every month, the publication organizes a book discussion event titled "*Kitap aru Alap*" (Books and Conversations) exclusively for students. This initiative has helped foster a love for reading among the younger generation.
5. **Outreach Programmes:** Each year, the publication establishes libraries and organizes

book-based competitions in rural schools, benefiting school students significantly.

6. **Book Fair:** North Lakhimpur College Publication organizes an annual book fair on the college campus. In this fair, students participate both as organizers and sellers. This has helped increase the number of book enthusiasts in the Lakhimpur area.
7. **Workshops:** Literary workshops are conducted among students, leading to the emergence of many budding writers.
8. **Newspaper Publication:** Since 2015, the College Publication has been publishing a newspaper named *Campus*. It is published on the occasion of various college events. All roles—including journalist, editor, and compositor—are performed by students of the college.



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Newsletter

Under the leadership of Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, the Coordinator of North Lakhimpur College Publication, a newsletter named Campus has been published since 2015. This newsletter is brought out in conjunction with various events of the college and adheres strictly to the conventions of a standard newspaper. Campus features only news and articles related to the college.

	<p><i>Notably, all reporters of Campus are students of the college, trained by Dr. Rajkhowa himself. Students are also responsible for the DTP, layout design, and other technical aspects of the publication. Primarily, students from the Department of Assamese are involved, as their curriculum includes such practical components.</i></p> <p><i>Campus is either sold or distributed at an affordable price. Today, it is regarded as a prestigious asset of the college.</i></p> <p><i>Some issues of Campus:</i></p> <p>https://nlc.ac.in/data/page/news-letter/</p>
5	<p>Book Stall</p> <p>North Lakhimpur College Publication has its own bookstall named <i>Granthalaya</i>. This bookstall has an official agreement with the Publication Board, Assam — a rare distinction for any college-level bookstore in the state. In fact, <i>Granthalaya</i> is the only bookstall at the college level in Assam with such an agreement.</p> <p>Located on the campus of North Lakhimpur College, this bookstall has played a pioneering role in promoting a reading culture, creating a positive impact on society. In an agriculturally dependent district like Lakhimpur, this initiative has set a national example in the field of academics.</p> <p>The idea was conceived in 2012 when the then Principal of the college, Dr. Biman Chandra Chetia, and Associate Professor of the Department of Assamese, Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, held discussions and decided to establish a bookstall on campus for the convenience of students. A permanent publication committee was also formed that year with clearly defined goals—not merely for formal display during inspections, but to genuinely enhance the intellectual environment of the college. Dr. Biman Chandra Chetia was appointed as the Chairperson and Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa as the Coordinator—both of whom continue to hold these positions to this day.</p> <p>Though the plan was ready, there was initially no space or adequate funding to set up the stall. However, Principal Dr. Chetia arranged for the necessary funds and constructed a 10 by 20-foot room. Basic furniture was provided, and the next challenge was collecting books. In this effort, Dr. Rajkhowa played a crucial role. Leveraging his close connections with major publishing houses in Assam, he managed to procure books at wholesale rates and stocked the stall.</p> <p>A student was appointed as the manager of the bookstall. Remarkably, the stall began generating profit within just one year. Even after offering students a discount of 10 to 20 percent on the sale of books, enough revenue remained to clear the initial debts. The manager’s salary has since been paid regularly, and by the end of the year, there was sufficient profit to publish four or five new books.</p> <p>This bookstall has resolved the issue of book scarcity that students often faced in a rural area like Lakhimpur. Many students have been able to build personal libraries by purchasing books at affordable prices. These personal libraries—established by hundreds of students from Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Majuli, Biswanath, and other districts—have had a lasting and positive impact on the broader society.</p>

Book Fair

Since 2018, North Lakhimpur College Publication has been organizing an annual book fair on the college campus. Initiated under the guidance and planning of Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, the coordinator, the first book fair began as a pilot project. However, owing to its immense success, it has become a much-anticipated event in the region. What sets this book fair apart is its focus on inspiring the younger generation to develop a reading habit, rather than on commercial gains. Another unique aspect is that students are directly involved in organizing and even selling books at the fair. Books are sourced from almost all major publishers in Assam, and students act as distributors on behalf of these publishers. A 20% discount is offered on all books for students. Alongside the book fair, events like literary discussions, poetry sessions, writers' meets, competitions, and musical performances are also organized. Each evening, one of the college hostels presents a cultural programme.

1st North Lakhimpur College Book Fair (20–22 September, 2018):

Started with minimal arrangements, this first edition proved unexpectedly successful. Encouraged by the response, Dr. Rajkhowa decided to continue the fair annually. Events such as "Kitap aru Alap" (Books and Conversations), lectures, and competitions were held. No external guests were invited.

2nd Fair (14–17 October, 2019):

Numerous activities were organized, including book quizzes, lectures, and essay competitions for students. Inter-departmental group discussions and film screenings were also held.

3rd Fair (27 January – 6 February, 2021):

Daily events included interactive sessions and writers' meets. Various competitions were conducted among students. Notable authors who participated included Nilim Kumar, Anuradha Sharma Pujari, Mridul Sarma, Pranay Phukan, Arindam Borkotoky, Saumyadeep Datta, and Dr. Anil Saikia.

4th Fair (21–28 March, 2022):

This edition was significantly larger. Daily competitions and literary events took place. Several departments hosted discussion circles. Renowned poet Jiban Narah inaugurated the fair, with Dr. Deep Saikia, Principal of Digboi College, as guest of honour. Guests in various sessions included Dr. Bhaskarjyoti Sharma, Dhanada Devi, Pranay Phukan, and Ankur Ranjan Phukan. State-level quiz and debate competitions were introduced. Under the leadership of the Students' Union, students also ran food stalls.

5th Fair (27–30 December, 2022):

Held in conjunction with the Assam College Teachers' Association conference, it featured daily writers' meets and poetry gatherings.

6th Fair (13–16 October, 2023):

Inaugurated by noted academician Dr. Anjan Kumar Ozah, this edition featured daily literary programmes. District-level quizzes and speech competitions were conducted for school students. Various departments and hostels presented cultural and intellectual events. A national seminar on "The Life and Literary Works of Birendra Kumar Bhattacharyya" was organized. Distinguished participants included Dr. Makbul Islam, Basudev Das, Prof. Pallavi Deka Buzarboruah, Juri Bora Borgohain, Lakhinandan Borgohain, Kaushik Kishalaya, Rajib Borah, and Sankar Patowary.

7th Fair (18–25 March, 2025):

Inaugurated by celebrated writer Yeshe Dorje Thongshi from Arunachal Pradesh, this was the grandest edition yet, with 15 stalls and numerous books. Events were held simultaneously across open stages, auditoriums, conference halls, and digital classrooms. Students managed the stalls and programmes. As in previous years, Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa served as the chief coordinator. Exhibitions were also featured, such as one on vintage items by Kshirod Kumar Goswami of Golaghat and a gramophone record exhibition by Umananda Duwara of Moran. A national seminar on *The History of Assamese Books* was held, alongside writers' meets, youth meets, literary journal editors' meets, journalists' conferences, history conventions, translation workshops, poetry meets, and eco-literature symposiums. All India Radio, Dibrugarh, also broadcasted events from the fair. Notable participants included Ranjit Kumar Dev Goswami, Aradhana Patangiya Goswami, Prasanta Sagar Changmai, Saumyadeep Datta, Ananta Hazarika, Ismail Hossain, Dr. Anjan Kumar Ozah, Pallavi Deka Buzarboruah, Arindam Sarmah, and Nabin Buragohain.

North Lakhimpur College Publication has also participated in several state-level book fairs held in Lakhimpur district, thus playing an important social role beyond academics.

Notably, the Government of Assam declared the year 2025 as the *Year of the Book*. In line with this, North Lakhimpur College Publication organized a significant number of **school-level book fairs**, which had a profoundly positive impact on children and adolescents.

List of Schools Where Book Fairs Were Held in 2025:

1. Pub Phulbari High School – 6 April
2. Kananadi High School – 13–14 June
3. Brahmaputra Valley Academy – 16–17 June
4. Genius Academy – 18–19 June
5. Kanta Khanikar High School – 20 June
6. Dhakuakhana Collegiate Higher Secondary School – 18 June
7. Dhakuakhana Girls' Dr. School – 13–14 June
8. Town Amkatiya L.P. School – 16–17 June
9. West Dhakuakhana Higher Secondary School – 20 June
10. Laluk Higher Secondary School – 19–21 June
11. Nowboicha Sankardev Shishu Vidya Niketan – 13–15 June
12. Lakhimpur Girls' Higher Secondary School – 10–14 June
13. P.M. Shri North Lakhimpur Govt. Higher Secondary School – 11 June
14. Kadam Jatiya Vidyalaya – 13 June
15. Brilliant Academy, Lakhimpur – 16–17 June
16. Nowboicha Senior Secondary School – 13–16 June
17. Nowboicha High School – 19–21 June
18. Sankardev Shishu Vidya Niketan, Bihpuria – 13–15 June
19. Bihpuria College – 16–17 June
20. Sankardev Shishu Vidya Niketan, Pathalipahar – 18–19 June



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Publication Policy

North Lakhimpur College Publication has laid down a set of guidelines for publishing books. These are as follows:

1. Priority will be given to publishing writings or books authored by students of North Lakhimpur College. This initiative aims to help students shape themselves as future intellectuals.
2. The publication will focus on books that are beneficial to students, especially quality books related to the syllabus and curriculum.
3. Books written by faculty members of the college will be considered for publication, provided they meet academic and intellectual standards.
4. Books written by former students and former faculty members of the college may also be published, subject to the merit and relevance of the content.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Quality books by writers from the Lakhimpur district, particularly those who are talented but lack access to a publisher, will be given preference. 6. North Lakhimpur College Publication does not publish fiction, except in the case of student authors. The focus remains primarily on research-based and intellectual works. 7. Books on controversial or sensitive topics will not be considered for publication. 8. Once a manuscript is selected for publication, a formal agreement will be signed between the author and the college publication. This agreement will also be renewed during the publication of any revised edition and will include terms such as royalty. 9. Proper arrangements will be made for the distribution and marketing of all published books. 10. Book proposals are accepted throughout the year.
8	<p>List of Published Books of North Lakhimpur College Publication</p> <p>For Details Information Please click here : https://nlc.ac.in/uploads/files/PUBLICATION/Published%20book%20of%20Publication_2.pdf</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sahitya Samalochana Tattva, Editor : Dr. Anjan Kumar Ozah, 2001 2. Swarnarekha, Editor : Dr. Anjan Kumar Ozah, 2002 3. Sonowali Dinbor Jen, Editor : Dr. Anjan Kumar Ozah, 2002 4. Sonali Chinta, Editor : Dr. Anjan Kumar Ozah, 2002 5. Charikhan Asomiya Upanyas : Bichar aru Bishleshan, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2008 6. Natun Prajanmar Priya Kitap, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2010 7. Hemendra Kumar Gogoi, Editor : Arabinda Rajkhowa, Uday Gogoi & Hemanta Sarmah, 2011 8. Samaj Xahitya Xanskriti, Editor : Dr. Suresh Dutta, Dr. Lakhinath Pegu & Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2011 9. Mahatma Gandhi : Jeevan Aru Darshan, Editor : Dr. Chandra Mantche, 2012 10. Golap Sharmah, Editor : Dr. Binita Bhagavati, 2012 11. Manav Adhikar, Editor : Bani Kanta Konwar, 2013 12. Natunar Kabita, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2013 13. Germination of seeds of Entrepreneurship among college students, Writer : Dr. Namita Dutta, 2013 14. Karabondir Endhar Kuthareer ejak Pohar, Writer : Kamal Gogoi, 2013 15. Samayar Sangslesh, Writer : Dr. Swapnali Gogoi, 2014 16. Biswash, Abiswash aru Andhabiswash, Writer : Dipika Borgohain, 2014 17. Uttaranat Nari, Editor : Lily Chelleng, 2014 18. Mor Hatar Gharito herai Gol, Writer : Kamal Gogoi, 2015 19. CHAYA-MAYA RANACHALIR RENGONI, Writer : Kamal Gogoi, 2015 20. Asomiya Sahityar Chaneki, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2015 21. Rojonigandha, Writer : Deben Borgohain, 2015 22. Ramanyashbadar Patabhumi, Writer : Dr. Basanta Kumar Sarmah, 2016 23. Lekhak, Editor : Debajit Sarmah, 2016 24. Sampratit Kabita, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2016 25. Biyanam, Writer : Dr. Anjalika Rajkhowa, 2017 26. Lakhimpurar Bhugol, Writer : Dr. Swapnali Gogoi, 2017 27. Bharatiya Dharma Nirapekshatar Aarar Tinigaraki Byakti, Writer : Dipika Borgohain, 2017 28. Asomiya Chutigalpar Goti Prakriti, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2008, 2nd Edition : 2013 29. Impact of Mythology on Modern Assamese Literature, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2017 30. Dibyanga : Samal aru Sambhavana, Writer : Aditi Boruah, 2018 31. SWY Bishwar 47 Din, Writer : Jyotishman Das, 2018 32. Xunya Kalar Punya, Writer : Rosheswar Bhuyan, 2018 33. Hemendra Kumar Gogoi Rachana Samagra, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa & Dr. Hemanta Sarmah, 2018 34. Life and Light : An Introduction to Disability Studies, Writer : Kishor Mohan Bhattacharyya, 2018

35. Lakhimpur : Oitijya Aru Sanskriti, Editor : Bhaskar Sharma, 2018
36. Dristikon, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa & Bitu Borah, 2019
37. Uttar-Pub Bharatar Janagosthiya Lokasanskriti, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2019
38. Hemendra Kumar Bori Prabandha Samagra, Editor : Dr. Gopal Hazarika & Sujata Bori, 2019
39. Jogajogmulak Asomiya, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2019, 2nd Edition : 2019
40. Asomiya Bijnan Sahitya, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2019
41. Xahitya Xamalochna, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa & Bhaskar Bhuyan, 2019
42. Borgohain Charcha, Editor : Bhaskar Bhuyan, 2021
43. North Lakhimpur College-or Asomiya Bibhag, Editor : Bhaskar Bhuyan, 2021
44. Asomiya Prakriti-Sahitya aru Soumyadeep Dutta, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2021
45. A Handful of Articles on ELT and Others, Writer : Girish Bhuyan, 2022
46. Shishur Charita Gathanar Ahilasamuh, Writer : Dipika Borgohain, 2022
47. Entomology, Writer : Dr. Prabal Saikia, 2022
48. Samaj Sahitya Bigyan, Writer : Dr. Prabal Saikia, 2022
49. A Statistical Account of Lakhimpur, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2023
50. Lakhimpur Katha, Editor : Dr. Bishwanarayan Shastri, 2023
51. Lakhimpur Oitijya, Writer : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2023
52. Lakhimpur Zilar Sahityacharcha : Bilokan Avalokan, Writer : Dipak Borah, 2023
53. Ali Hydarar Eta Cholar Kahini, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2023
54. Infinitia 1.0, Editor : Dr. Kakali Bhuyan, 2023
55. Amader Bishnuprasad Rabha, Writer : Basudev Das, 2020
56. Bishnu Prasad Rabha and Indian Culture, Chiefe Editor : Dr. Sk. Makbul Islam, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa & Jyotishman Das, 2021
57. Bangla-Asam : Bidyayatanik Sanskritik Binimoy, Writer : Dr. Sk. Makbul Islam, 2021
58. Bidrohi Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam : Sristi aru Srosta, Writer : Dr. Rezaul Karim, 2021
59. Bhupen Hazarika : Bishwasanskritir Kanthaswar, Writer : Dr. Sk. Makbul Islam, 2021
60. Jatiya Oitijya Aru Sahitya, Writer : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2021
61. Bishnuprasad Rabha, Bhupen Hazarika : Bengal-Assam Cultural Relation, Writer : Dr. Sk. Makbul Islam, 2021
62. Bengal-Assam : 20th Century Perspective, Writer : Dr. Sk. Makbul Islam, 2022
63. Asomiya Sahityat Purakatha, Byanga Aru Anyanya Prasanga, Writer : Subhakrishna Phukan, 2022
64. Sahitya aru Sanskriti Adhyayan, Writer : Pubali Borah, 2022
65. Mising Folkology, Writer : Dr. Sk. Makbul Islam, 2023
66. Life and works of Padmanath Gohainboroah, Hemchandra Goswami and Panindranath, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2023
67. MAHAPURUSHA SRI SRI SANKARADEVA, Writer : Basudev Das, 2023
68. Karbi Discourse : Rangabng Terangar Nirabchita Prabandhar Sahityatatwik Bodonyayan, Writer : Dr. Sk. Makbul Islam, 2022
69. Muga : The Golden Thread, Writer : Dr. Tulika Saikia, 2023
70. Naitikata Aru Sanskriti, Editor : Dr. Dhiraj Patar, 2024
71. Leela Gogoi : Jeewan Aru Sahitya, Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, Dr. Ashim Chutia, Year of Published : 2024
72. History of North Lakhimpur College, Author : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2024
73. Bharat Upamahadeshwar Bhakti Sahitya (Vol-I, Assamese), Editor : Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, 2025
74. Bharat Upamahadeshwar Bhakti Sahitya (Vol-II, Bangla), Editor : Dr. Makbul Islam, 2025
75. Bhakti Literature of India subcontinent (Vol-III, English), Editor : Dr. Makbul Islam, 2025
76. Uttar Asom : Paribesh, Itihash Aru Samaj-Sanskriti, Author : Dr. Abani Kumar Bhagawati, Dr. Bhupen Saikia, Dr. Swapnali Gogoi, 2025