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Second Atal Bihari Vajpayee Kabita & Sahitya

Utsav inaugurated in Kailashahar



Atal Bihari Vajpayee was a stalwart and man of ideology in Indian politics. He started Antyoday Yojana for socio-economic development of the rural people. And the benefit of that is still being reaped by the people of the country. The youth affairs and sports minister Tinku Roy said this yesterday after inaugurating the two-day second Atal Bihari Kabita and Sahitya Utsav at Unakoti Kalakshetra in Kailashahar. The youth affairs and sports minister said, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, through his poems, dreamt of building an ideal India. After taking the charge as Prime Minister he took new initiatives to strengthen the rural economy. Now following his footsteps, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led country is moving ahead to build Vikshit Bharat.

Speaking on the occasion the SC welfare minister Sudhangshu Das, terming Atal Bihari Vajpayee as a name of inspiration said, his life span was a glorious chapter of our history. Cashing in on that glorious past we should be moving ahead. He also mentioned about the former PM Vajpayee's efforts for the development of Northeast India. The two-day literary festival aims at having recitation of poems in multiple languages on the first day and a seminar on the second day. At the programme poet Milan Kanti Datta was felicitated with a shawl, Rs. 1 lakh cash prize and a citation.

The inaugural day programme was also attended by noted Sahitya Akademi awardee from Assam Diganta Biswa Sharma, Sahitya Akademi awardee from the state poet S. Gambhini, vice chairman of the State Cultural Advisory Committee Subrata Chakraborty. Both the Sahitya Akademi awardees, Diganta Biswa Sharma and S. Gambhini were felicitated there. A documentary on AB Bajpayee's life was screened and a souvenir was released by the youth affairs and sports minister Tinku Roy. Welcome address was delivered by the ICA Director Bimbisar Bhattacharya while Sabhadhipati of Unakoti Zilla Parishad Amalendu Das presided over the inaugural programme. Poets and writers from different states were also present there.