

REPORT:

International Mother Language Day Celebrated at Furkating College

The International Mother Language Day was observed with great enthusiasm at Furkating College (Autonomous) under the initiative of the Department of Assamese, in collaboration with the Department of Bodo. The programme was attended by the Principal, Vice Principal(Aministration), faculty members, and a large number of students, reflecting a strong academic and cultural engagement with linguistic diversity.

The highlight of the event was a lecture delivered by the young speaker Pratyash Prashanta Tamuly on the topic **“Youth Voices on Multilingual Education.”** In his address, he emphasized the importance of multilingual education, the preservation of mother tongues, and the active role of youth in safeguarding linguistic and cultural diversity. His lecture was well received by the audience and encouraged thoughtful reflection among students.

Adding a cultural dimension to the celebration, faculty members and students of the college jointly rendered the state anthem **“O Mur Apunar Desh”** in Assamese, Bodo, Bengali, and Sadani languages, symbolizing unity in diversity and mutual respect among different linguistic communities.

During the programme, the academic journal ***Bodhidrum***, edited by Mr. Pranabjyoti Phukan, Assistant Professor of the department of History, and published by the college teachers' fraternity, was formally released by Dr. Jatin Mech, President of the Teachers' Unit of the institution. Subsequently, Dr. Ajanta Rajkhowa, Head of the Department of Assamese, delivered a speech highlighting the significance of International Mother Language Day and the vital role of mother tongues in cultural identity and intellectual development.

The entire programme was smoothly anchored and coordinated by Ms. Lakhya Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Assamese. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Manisha Basumatary, Head of the Department of Bodo, who expressed gratitude to all participants and contributors for making the programme a success.



