

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHER EDUCATION, ASSAM  
KAHILIPARA, GUWAHATI-19.

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e-CF No. **648965/2025/7**

Dated, kahilipara, the ..... May, 2025

From : Smti. Gayatri Naiding, AES  
Joint Director of Higher Education, Assam  
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

To,  
The Principal,  
All Govt. & Provincialised Colleges/PDUAM/Govt. Model College of Assam.

Sub: Regarding Observance of 'Day against Superstitious Beliefs' in Assam on 13th of May every year.

Ref: Govt. e-CF No.648817/6 Dated 09-05-2025

Sir,

With reference to the Govt. letter on the subject cited above, I am directed to forward herewith a letter and its enclosures received from the Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam Higher Education Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06 regarding Observance of 'Day against Superstitious Beliefs' in Assam on 13th of May every year in order to recognize the services rendered by Late Birubala Rabha ,which is self explanatory

In this connection , you are requested to observed the day as per role & responsibilities assigned by the Department in the aforesaid communication and your action taken report may be submitted at the earliest for onwards submission to the Department.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully

Digitally signed by  
GAYATRI NAIDING

Joint Director of Higher Education, Assam  
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

Date: 09-05-2025  
22:44:56

Memo e-CF No. **648965/2025/7-A**

Dated, kahilipara, the ..... May, 2025

Copy for information to:-

1. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Women & Child Welfare Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06.
2. P.S to Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Higher Education Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06.

**E-Signed**

Joint Director of Higher Education, Assam  
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM**  
**HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
**DISPUR:: GUWAHATI-6.**  
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**eCF No. 648817 /6**

From: Under Secretary to the Government of Assam  
Higher Education Department.

To: 1) The Director of Higher Education, Assam  
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

2) The Director of Technical Education, Assam  
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

Sub: Observance of '*Day against Superstitious Beliefs*' in Assam on 13th of May every year.

Ref.: Letter No.E-400627/128 Dated 8th May, 2025.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the letter cited above, I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of letter under reference received from the Secretary to the Government of Assam, Women and Child Development Department along with its enclosures regarding Observance of '**Day against Superstitious Beliefs**' in Assam on 13th of May every year in order to recognize the services rendered by Late Birubala Rabha, which is self explanatory.

In this connection, you are kindly requested for wide circulation of the same between Educational Institutions under your jurisdiction and to issue necessary instruction for observing the day as per role & responsibilities assigned against the department in the aforesaid communication. A compiled action taken report may be furnished to this department in due course of time.

**(Enclo: As stated above)**

Yours faithfully,

**Digitally signed by**  
**MANASH JYOTI DAS**  
**Date: 09-05-2025**  
**17:44:21**

Under Secretary to the Government of Assam,  
Higher Education Department

**Memo eCF No. 648817 /6-A**

**Copy to:**

- 1) The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Women & Child Welfare Department, Dispur. This has a reference to his letter mentioned above.
- 2) P.A. to Secretary to the Government of Assam, Higher Education Department for kind appraisal of Secretary, Higher Education.

(e-signed)

Under Secretary to the Government of Assam,  
Higher Education Department



**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM**  
**WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**Block – D, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Dispur**  
**Janata Bhawan, Guwahati- 781006, Email: [wcdassam2022@gmail.com](mailto:wcdassam2022@gmail.com)**

No.E-400627/128

Dated Dispur the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

From: Secretary to the Govt. of Assam  
 Women and Child Development Department, Dispur

- To: 1. The Sr. Most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam  
 All Departments
2. The Member Secretary  
 State Child Protection Society, Assam, Beltola Road, Guwahati-28
3. The Director  
 Women & Child Development, Assam, Uzanbazar, Ghy-01
4. The Member Secretary  
 Assam State Commission for Women, Beltola , Guwahati-28
5. The Principal Secretary, BTC, Kokrajhar / KAAC, Diphu / NCHAC, Haflong
6. The District Commissioner (All)
7. DSWOs/ CDPOs (All).

Sub: Observance of '**Day against Superstitious Beliefs**' in Assam on **13<sup>th</sup> of May, every year** -  
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Ref: Notification No. E-400627/50 dated 30.12.2024.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to inform you that in order to recognize the services rendered by Late Birubala Rabha, a renowned social reformer, who left for her heavenly abode on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, the Govt. of Assam has declared the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May every year as the '**Day against Superstitious Beliefs**' in Assam.

In this regard, the guidelines issued vide notification dated 30.12.2024 (copy enclosed) may kindly be referred to.

You are, therefore, requested to take immediate steps for observing the day at State, District and Panchayat Levels.

The matter may please be treated as **URGENT**.

Yours faithfully

Enclo: As stated.

Digitally signed by  
 PARTHA PRATIM MAJUMDAR  
 Date: 09-05-2025 14:16:23  
 Secretary to the Govt. of Assam  
Women and Child Development Department

Memo No. E-400627/128-A

Copy for kind information to:

1. SO to Chief Secretary, Assam, Dispur, Ghy-06.
2. P.P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
3. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister (All).
4. PS to Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Women & Child Development Department-for kind appraisal of the Principal Secretary.

**(E-Signed)**

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam  
Women and Child Development Department



**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM**  
**WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**DISPUR:.....GUWAHATI-6**  
**Block-D, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Janata Bhawan**

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**ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR**  
**NOTIFICATION**

Dated Dispur, the 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

**No. E-400627/50:** In the interest of public service and in order to recognize the yeoman services rendered by Birubala Rabha, a renowned social reformer, who left for her heavenly abode on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, the Governor of Assam is pleased to declare that henceforth, the **13<sup>th</sup> day of May** every year will be observed as the '**Day against Superstitious Beliefs**' in Assam.

The following illustrative Guidelines are laid down to commemorate the day in a befitting manner:

**1. Objective:**

The objective for commemoration of the day is to create awareness against superstitious beliefs harmful to the society and to promote scientific literacy, rational thinking and critical decision-making through a coordinated approach.

**2. Roles and Responsibilities of various Departments:**

**2.1 School Education Department and Higher Education Department:**

*Awareness Programmes in Schools and Colleges:*

The Department will hold specific events in various educational institutions on the day. The events may preferably be conducted during the Morning Assembly and be adjusted to the first period of that School-day, class-wise. The events may consist of lectures, debates, essay competitions, poster-making contests etc. focusing on topics of scientific and rational thinking.

*Workshops and Seminars:*

The Department may also organize workshops and seminars in higher educational institutions on topics relevant to the occasion. The Department will also facilitate interactive sessions for the students and the community.

*Public Awareness Campaigns:*

Involvement of students in community outreach programmes aimed at educating the public about the harmful effects of superstitions and promoting scientific reasoning will be encouraged.

## 2.2 Health and Family Welfare Department:

### Content on Health-related Superstitions and Awareness Campaigns:

The Department will develop and disseminate information on common health-related superstitious beliefs prevalent in the society utilizing mass media channels.

## 2.3 Panchayat & Rural Development Department:

### Special Gram Sabha on 13<sup>th</sup> May:

The Department will organize Special Gram Sabhas in every Gram Panchayat of the State on the assigned day and invite doctors/ educationists/ representatives of Science Societies/ Social Workers etc. of the locality to highlight issues relating to harmful effects of superstitious beliefs. Places and localities witnessing incidences of witch hunting in the past should be areas of special focus.

## 2.4 Women & Child Development Department:

The Women & Child Development Department, in collaboration with NGOs, CBOs and other community-based groups working in the field, will organize awareness meetings and campaigns as below.

1. Programmes will be organized at the district level, ICDS Project level and Anganwadi Centre level. Such events will focus on the harmful impacts of superstitious beliefs, especially on women and children.
2. People working against superstitious beliefs will be felicitated in such events.
3. The Department will develop materials like brochures, posters, and videos on specific issues.

## 2.5 Science & Technology Department:

The Department with the help of ASTE Council is already implementing various activities related to drive against superstitious beliefs across the State through its outreach network. To commemorate the “Day against Superstitious Beliefs”, activities shall be actively carried out by Aryabhatta Science Centres spread across 219 blocks of the State besides relevant institutions and eco-clubs to spread the message of scientific and rational thinking.

## 2.6 Other Departments:

All other Departments will also take steps to create awareness against superstitious beliefs, as may be relevant to them.

## 3. Documentation:

Efforts will be made by the respective Departments to document activities for future reference and planning.

Signed by

Mukesh Chandra Sahu

Date: 30-12-2024 12:16:37  
Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

Women and Child Development Department

Memo No.E-400627/50-A

Dated Dispur, the 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. All Special Chief Secretary / Addl. Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary to the Govt of Assam, Dispur. They are requested to put in place an institutional mechanism in place for commemoration of the day in a befitting manner.
2. Secretary, Co-ordination, to the Chief Secretary, Assam
3. The Principal Secretary, BTC, Kokrajhar / KAAC, Diphu / NCHAC, Haflong. They will take up similar activities under the Councils.
4. P.P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
5. P.S. to Hon'ble Ministers (All).
6. The Director, Women & Child Development, Assam, Uzanbazar, Ghy-01. He will take steps to plan the events, sufficiently in advance, at District / ICDS Project / Anganwadi Centre level. He will also maintain close liaison with the all relevant Departments.
7. The Director, Assam Govt. Press, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21. He is requested to publish the notification in the Assam Gazette.
8. The Director, Information & Public Relation, Dispur-for wide publicity.
9. All District Commissioners.
10. All DSWOs / All CDPOs.

By Order etc...

Signed by

Partha Pratim Majumdar

Date: 30-12-2024 12:36:59

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

Women and Child Development Department