

**ALL INDIA
ADIBASI (SANTAL) CONFERENCE 1977
RESOLUTION**



**ORGANISED BY :
ALL INDIA ADIBASI (SANTAL) COUNCIL**

**Place :-
Betkundridahi (Indira Maidan), Jhargram
Midnapore (W.B.)**

ALL INDIA ADIBASI (SANTAL) CONFERENCE

All India Adibasi (Santal) Conference is held on 18th, 19th (Delegate Session) under the Presidentship of Sarbashri Dubraj Tudu and Sundar Mohan Hembram and 20th February 1977 (Open Session) under the Presidentship of Sri Kushal Baskey at Bet-Kundri-Dahi, Jhargram, Midnapore (W.B.). The following Resolutions are adopted in the Delegate Session as passed in the Open Session:-

- 1. This Conference urges on the Government to impart Primary Education to Santal children in their mother tongue through the medium of Adibasi 'OL CHIKI' (Santali Script) as invented by Pandit Raghunath Murmu and this is in pursuance of Art. 350 A of the Constitution of India.**
- 2. The Government and the Board of Secondary Education of West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Assam to impart instructions in Santali as a subject in lieu of Modern Indian Language and an Optional subject (namely Santali). It further demands of them to all Adibasi 'OL CHIKI' (Santali Script) for writing the language for the purpose of Examination and print Text Books in Santali in 'OL CHIKI'.**
- 3. The Government and Universities to accept Santali Language in lieu of modern Indian Language and also as an optional subject and various stages viz. Intermediate (Humanities), Graduation and Post-Graduate stages and permit literally the use of 'OL CHIKI' for the purpose of examination and for the printing of Text Books in Santali with the medium of 'OL CHIKI'.**
- 4. The Government to print and publish Text Books in Santali Language with the medium of 'OL CHIKI' for imparting education from Primary to Universities level and also suitable books for library and general readers.**
- 5. The Council urges of the Government of Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa and Assam should consult with the All India Adibasi (Santal) Council, Jhargram as regard to the preparation of the Text Books for the santals in Santali Language.**
- 6. The Government to print and publish Newspapers and Periodicals in Santali using 'OL CHIKI' for the benefit of and Santali speaking peoples.**
- 7. The Government to include the Santali Language in the Eighth Schedule of Constitution of India.**
- 8. This Conference resolved that the Santals Customery Law should have to be protected. The sacred 'Jaher Than' of the holly groove of the Santal Society deep protected and the recognised and any sort of interference from the Revenue Department and from Forest Department of the Government should have totally stopped. The Santals have their own personal laws, hence this conference strongly demanded that their traditional laws should be taken into consideration, when the Social disputes arised between the parties in the Court of Laws, (The Santal Customary Law will be sent to the Government later on). This Conference formed a Committee to prepare a guidelines regarding Santals Judicials performance i.e. the Parganas Committies, in the All India basis who will be soul authority and will be responsible all concerned of Santal Society.**

9. **There is already a separate establishment of Tribal Welfare Department in the State level for upliftment of Adibasi people. This Conference demands a similar establishment to look into the various problems of Adibasi in the Central level also.**
10. **It has been observed that the actual number of Adibasi people is not being recorded properly in the Census Report. This Conference therefore demands that Govt. should take proper steps in the matter so that actual number of Adibasi people at every State is reflected in the Census Report.**
11. **It has been observed that Hostel Grants, Book Grants per quota declared by the Government should be distributed properly to the students in the each School and College in every two months.**

FOR ASSAM STATES

12. **The Santals of Assam State have not yet been recognised as the Scheduled Tribes and thus they have been deprived of the facilities sanctioned by the Government of India and the State Government too.**
This Council draws the attention of the Assam Government and the Government of India to give the Santals of Assam States due honour as the Scheduled Tribes of India and to give all shorts of due facilities from the Government concerned and other cultural propers.
The daily news in Santali must be broadcasted for All India Radio Centre Delhi, Gouhati, Dibrugarh, Patna, Ranchi and Cuttack. The Council urges on the Government of Indian that there should be separate Radio Centre installed for the Santals of Indian either at Ghatsila in Bihar or Jhargram in West Bengal.
13. **This Conference also resolved that us the Santals Festivals are observed as per 13 following Scheduled. The Government is urged to notify to accordingly the days as Tribals (Santal) Holidays in pursuance of the Negotiable Instruction Acts :-**

	Month	Festival and/or days of worship	Days of observance
1.	Magh	Nawa Serma	1st day of appearance of the moon.
2.	”	Magh Bonga	Fifth day of appearance of the moon.
3.	Fagun	Baha	-do-
4.	Chait	Erok	-do-
5.	Baisak	Guru Mahit	Full moon of the Month.
6.	”	Mak More	Full moon of the Month.
7.	Jhet	Dak Sendra	-do-
8.	Asard	Asaria	Fifth day of appearance of the month.
9.	San	Hariar	Full moon of the Month.
10.	Bhadar	Janthar	-do-
11.	”	Naway	-do-
12.	Dasaya	Dasai	Starting form fifth day of the moon and continued for 5 days.
13.	Saharay	Saharay	Full moon of the Month.
14.	Anghar	Ab-ge	-do-
15.	Pous	Ersid	New moon day of the Month.

1. **Pandit Raghunath Murmu of Orissa, the inventore of ‘OL CHIKI’ (Santali Script) for Santali Language be recognissd as the literature of the Santali literature and be granted a life time (allowance) by the Government of India.**

14. (a) **The Council urges of the Education Board form Primary to Higher Secondary stage of the States of Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa and Assam that ‘OL CHIKI’ (Santali Script) must be adopted as the medium of Santali Education.**

If any Script other than ‘OL CHIKI’ (Santali Script) for the Santali Language has been adopted by any Education Board of any States must be dropped henceforth.

The Board of Secondary Education of West Bengal must switch on to ‘OL CHIKI’ (Santali Script) for Santali in place of already adopted. ‘Roman’ Script in order to avoid the misunderstanding among the Santals of West Bengal in particular and the Santals of India in General.

(b) **The Council urges on the Government of India that the Government must form a separate All India Santali Education Board under the direct supervision of Central Government to facility the homogenous type of Education among the Santals of India in Santali in 'OL CHIKI' (Santali Script) to avoid gesocial heterogeneous type of education privelant in the states of Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa and Assam where the Santals of Indian are residing inconcentrated from since time immemorial.**

1. **The earlier urges on the Government of India that a sum of Rs. 75,00,00,000/- (Seventy five croros) must be sanctioned for the eastablishment of the University, construction of the buildings and the Recurring grant of Rs. 25,00,00,000/- (Twenty five croros) per year for the maintenance of the University.**

RESOLUTIONS

This Conference resolved that a Council be formed with following guidelines :-

1. **If shall be named All India Adibasi (Santal) Council, Khasjanganl (Nutundih) P.O.- Jhargram, Dist.- Midnapore (W.B.) and its working Head Quarters shall be at Calcutta C/o.- Adibasi Socio-Education and Cultural Association 14/1, Kundu Lane, Bhowanipore, Calcutta-25.**
2. **The Office bearers and members are elected as given in the list.**
3. **The aims and objects are as given in the Bye-laws of ASECA's West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Assam.**
4. **The programmes are as embodied in the Bye-laws of ASECA's West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Assam.**
5. **The President of the ASECA's are Ex-officio members as Vice-President of the Council/Office bearers.**
6. **The General Secretaries of the ASECA's are Ex-office members as Secretaries of the Council/Office bearers.**
7. **The President of the Council as elected in the AIA (S) Conference held on 18th, 19th and 20th February, 1977 at Bet-kundri-dahi (Indira Maidan), Jhargram, Midnapore (W.B.), Dr. K. R. Saren, M. B. B. S. is unanimously elected in the Conference.**

8. **The General Secretary of the Council shall be designated as Secretary General AIA (S) Sri Baburam Hansda is elected as.**
9. **Treasurer shall be designated as Council Treasurer AIA(S)C, Sri Kanai Lal Tudu is unanimously elected as Council Treasurer in the Conference held on 18th, 19th and 20th February, 1977 at Bet-Kundri-Dahi, Jhargram, Midnapore (W.B.).**
10. **The Treasurer of the ASECA's shall be ex-officio members of the Office bearers and may be known as Asstt. Council Treasurers as regards their functions with respect to the Council.**
11. **The President, General Secretaries and Treasurers of the affiliating Associations of Santhal Shall be Ex-officio members of the Council.**
12. **The ASECA's and the affiliating Associations may have to pay affiliation fees and donations that may later be fixed and agreed upon by the Council.**
13. **There shall be embodied as the principles contained in the draft notes (attached).**
14. **The ASECA's are advised to set up Council of their own at the State Unit level to practise and appreciate the merits and functioning of the AIA (S) Council working at the centre.**
15. **The Council may appoint qualified External Auditor for checking its accounts and submit Annual Reports at the appropriate time before the General Meeting held annually.**
16. **The Council adopts the same Flag and Symbol as accepted by the ASECA's West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Assam.**

(Enclosure to Item No. 13)

This Conference resolved and set up the All India Adibasi (Santal) Council.

The General Body shall elect in the General Meeting or Council Consisting of not more than 132 of which at least every 33 shall Represent West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and 15 shall represented Assam. The other affiliating Association may elect 3 (three) members each submit the lists. The President of the Conference shall nominate 18 members comprising of experts and specialists in the field of Education, Culture and Social matters (List of members of the Council is attached).

The Office bearers and executive members elected by the Conference shall be directly responsible to the Council in all matters viz. Financial, Administrative and Legislative. The Council shall have 4 (four) sessions in a year quarterly and it shall have its own Secretariate of which the President or the Chairman of the Presidium shall be in over all charge. He shall cause to be framed rules of procedure and conduct of business and discipline for the Council Subject to the approval of the Conference on the General body.

One third of members of the Council shall retire every two years at the expiry of their respective terms and may be re-elected by their Constituent bodies of the Conference viz. ASECA's of West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Assam various registered Societies of the Adibasis (Santals) who subscribe to the aims and objects and minimum programme of the ASECA's. The terms of the first three batches may be fixed by lottery to be drawn by the Secretary General of the Council before the members present. The Council members shall have attained the age of 30 years and must have completed and passed 'OL ITUN' and shall not have been disqualified for election to the Associations or the Council.

1. Office bearers (Executive Committee)

- i) **President** : Dr. K. R. Saren, M.B.B.S
At + P.O.- Chakulia,
Dist.- East Singbhum, Bihar
- ii) **Vice-President :-**
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| a) President of ASECA (W.B.) | : Sri Kushal Baskey |
| b) " " (Bihar) | : Dr. Hajam Charan Murmu |
| c) " " (Orissa) | : Advocate K. R. Majhi |
| d) " " (Assam) | : Sri Gopinath Mandi |
| e) All India ASECA | : Sri Ramjit Mandi |
- iii) **Secretary General**
- iv) **Secretaries :-**
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| a) General Secretary of ASECA (W.B.) | : Baburam Hansda |
| b) " " (Bihar) | : Girish Ch. Mandi |
| c) " " (Orissa) | : Shankha Hansda |
| d) " " (Assam) | : Dinesh Hansda |
- v) **Treasurer :-**
- vi) **Astt. Treasurer :-**
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| a) Treasurer of ASECA (W.B.) | : Bishan Ch. Murmu |
| b) " " (Bihar) | : Ram Charan Hembram |
| c) " " (Orissa) | : Bhuju Hembram |
| d) " " (Assam) | : Satyanath Hembram |

Members of Executive Committee

West Bengal

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| 1. Sri Bishnupada Soren | : Advocate, Jhargram, Midnapore |
| 2. " Ramkishan Murmu | : Secretary, Sai Sagen Hariyar
Gaunta, Purulia |
| 3. " Jairam Mandi | : Advocate, Jhargram, Midnapore |
| 4. " Nagendra Nath Hansda | : 2 M. K. T. Kharagpore, Midnapore |
| 5. " Nabin Mandi | : National Library, Calcutta-2 |
| 6. " Tarachand Tudu | : Santraghachi, Howrah |
| 7. Dr. B. B. Hembram | : Medical Officer, Raipore Primary |

8. Sm. Bahamai Baskey : Kusbona, P.O.- Susunia Hills,
Dist.- Bankura
9. Sri Durgapada Hansda : Kherwal Ashram, Kamdebpore,
Darhata, Hooghly.
10. " Mangal Hembram : Hooghly-Burdwan Adibasi Saonta Susar
Gaonta, Khaniyan, Hooghly.
11. " N. N. Hembram, M.A.
Arch. (California) : Calcutta, West Bengal.

Bihar

1. Prof. Digambar Hansda : L. B. S. M. College, Jamshedpore-2.
2. " Bholanath Tudu : Tata College, Chaibasa, Singbhum.
3. Sri Bhagbat Tudu : Vill.-Kondoposi, P.O.-Kadadoba
Dist.-Singbhum.
4. " Dubraj Tudu : At+P.O.-Paderkola, Santal-Parganas.
5. " Surendra Nath Soren : At+P.O.-Hirapore, Santal-Parganas
Dhanbadh.
6. " Manse Mandi : At.-Mundidi, P.O.-Naranpore
Dist.-Santal Parganas.
7. President : Santhal Samaj Sudhar Samity, Santal
Parganas.
8. President : An All Baisi, Santal Parganas.

Orissa :-

1. Sri Sunder Mohan Hembram : At+P.O.-Tarana, Via-Bahalda
Dist.-Mayurbhanj
2. " Jadaba Murmu A/C : At+P.O.-Baripada, Dist.-Mayurbhanj
3. " Uday Nath Murmu, I.R.A.S.
Junior Accts. Officers : Kharagpore (S.E.Rly.) Midnapore
4. " Mansing Murmu : At+P.O.-Rairangpore
Dist.-Mayurbhanj
5. " Laxman Manjhi, M.A.LL.L. : President Adim Awar Jarpa
Bhubaneswar, G.A.-10,
A.G. Office, Orissa
6. " Sobha Nath Beshra : President, Rourkela ASECA Br.
Chaigarh, Rourkela-16
7. " Laxman Mandi : Organising Secretary, ASECA At+P.O.-
Rairongpore, Dist.-Mayurbhanj.
8. " Hadibandhu Murmu : Secretary, Udla Branch, ASECA,
At+P.O.-Udla Mayurbhanj.
9. " Badha Besra : Vice-President ASECA, Orissa

Assam :-

**1. Sri Jabulal Murmu, President
All Assam Santal Committee.**

**: Rengaliting Tea Estate, Rengaliting
Dist.-Golaghat**

**2. " Saitya Nath Hembram
Asth. Secretary**

**: Pithapathar, P.O.-Raigarh,
Dist.-Dibrugarh**

3. " Prithibi Hansda, (Manjhi)

**: Vill.-Bangpara, Tea Estate,
P.O.+Dist.-Dibrugarh**

**4. " Gora Charan Hembram
Vice-President**

**: No.-2 Premhara Village
P.O.-Tengbari, Dist.-Sibsagar.**

All Assm Santal Committee

5. " Biren Hembram

: Satai Tea Estate, P.O.-Gohat, Assam

6. " Subhas Murmu

**: Vill.-Tengahula, P.O.-Sarupathar
Dist.-Golaghat**

**7. " Gupinath Mandi, Secretary
All Assam Santal Committee**

**: Betbari Delihi Par, P.O.-Sukanpukhuri
Dist.-Sibsagar**

8. " Dinesh Hansda

**: Raidang, P.O.-Gharajam, Sepethal
Dist.-Sibsagar.**

Sd/- (KUSHAL BASKEY)

President

**Open Session on 20th February, 1977,
All India Adibasi (Santal) Conference**

Date : 20-2-77

