

# Contributions of noted writer Nabakanta Barua recalled

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 16: The Department of English, Dispur College organized a memorial lecture as a tribute to the prominent Assamese litterateur Nabakanta Barua on his death anniversary on July 14.

According to a press release issued today, the programme coordinated by Dr Sanjib Kumar Sarma, HoD English, Dispur College, began with the welcome address delivered by Dr Sunita Agarwalla, vice principal of the college.

In her address, she highlighted Barua's contribution to the institution of Cotton College (now university) as a faculty member.

Dr Karabi Deka Hazarika,

former dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dibrugarh University and a renowned poet delivered the memorial lecture.

Dr Hazarika shed light on Barua's invaluable contribution to the Assamese nation by establishing the Assamese creative genius on the world stage through his artistic and aesthetic poetry.

She emphasized how Barua's poems dealt with the themes of the Assamese urbane, death and its associations, etc., fusing contemporaneity with the perpetual.

Dr Leena Deka, professor, Department of Assamese, Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Vishwavidyalaya, highlighted on Barua's prose vis-a-vis his verse.

She stated that Barua could craft aesthetics equally, in both the forms.

Following this, Mohan Moran, researcher on folk culture delivered his perspective on the works of Barua.

The lecture programme conducted in online mode via Google Meet was attended by Dr Indrani C. Mahanta, Dr Binoy Chetia, Dr Smriti Dey, Sutibra Malakar and Dr Malabika Bhattacharyya along with students of the Department of English.

The programme ended with various song performances by students and followers of Barua including Dolly Talukdar, Keertana Das, Mridul Baruah and Kamini Mohan Baruah as a mark of tribute to the literary legend.