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Debate contest in memory of Dr BK Bhattacharyya on Oct 17

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GUWAHATI, Sept 24: In commemoration of eminent Assamese litterateur Dr Birendra Kumar Bhattacharyya, Dispur College is organizing the '1st Dr Birendra Kumar Bhattacharyya Memorial North-East Inter-College/University Debate Competition' at Pratima Barua Pandey auditorium, Dispur College on October 17.

The competition is being organized by the Dr Birendra Kumar Bhattacharyya Memorial Debate Organising Committee, a collaborative effort between Dispur College and the Dr Birendra Kumar Bhattacharyya Memorial Trust. The debate aims to bring together students from across more than 100 colleges and universities from the entire north-eastern region of India in a spirited exchange of ideas and perspectives.

Speaking about the initiative, Dr Navajyoti Borah, principal of Dispur College and president of the Organizing Committee, said that the event is not only an aca-

demic exercise but also a heartfelt tribute to one of Assam's most profound literary voices.

Dr Bhattacharyya, known for his fearless exploration of socio-political issues and deep-rooted concern for indigenous identity and cultural preservation, continues to inspire generations through his timeless works.

*Dr Sashi Mohan Das, working president and Sutibra Malakar, general secretary were also present.

The debate will revolve around the motion: "In the opinion of the house, eviction policy undertaken by the Government of Assam is the only way to protect the socio-political stability and indigenous identity of the State." Each team will consist of two members – one speaking in favour and the other against the motion. A maximum of two teams will be allowed to participate from each institution.

The event is expected to witness participation from some of the brightest minds in the region, as well as guid-

ance and support from noted intellectuals and academics. Among the prominent names associated with the event as advisors are – Prof Amarjyoti Choudhury, president, Dr BKB. Trust; Prof Arupjyoti Choudhury, vice chancellor of Madhabdev University; Dr Balendra Kumar Das, president of the Governing Body of Dispur College; Dr Dipankar Bhattacharjee, secretary, Dr BKB Trust; and Bedanta Sarma, debater and social worker.

The best team will be awarded Rs 30,000, while the second best team will receive Rs 20,000. The best debater will win Rs 15,000 followed by Rs 10,000 and Rs 7,000 for the second and third best debaters. All winners will also receive trophies and certificates.

A commemorative souvenir celebrating the life, works, and legacy of Dr Birendra Kumar Bhattacharyya will also be released during the event, featuring curated articles, tributes, and archival material contributed by noted scholars and well-wishers.