

Eighth Annual Ajit Baruah Memorial Lecture at B. Borooah College

The **Eighth Annual Ajit Baruah Memorial Lecture** was jointly organised by Ajit Baruah Anuragi Samaj and the Department of English, B. Borooah College on 19 August, 2023 at Surendra Mohan Das Lecture Gallery. The event, which was held on the occasion of 97th birth anniversary of the late poet and translator Ajit Baruah, began with a one-minute's silence as a tribute to the late academician and writer Deven Dutta. Dr. Manabendra Sarma, an assistant professor from the Department of English, anchored the entire programme. The dais was formed with the appointed speaker, Munin Bayan, Dr. Satyendra Nath Barman, the Principal of the college, Anubhab Tulasi, President of Ajit Barua Anuragi Samaj and Dr. Abhigyan Prasad, Head, Department of English. At the very outset of the program, Chandini Priyam Borah, a student from third-semester honors in Assamese of the college sang a song composed by Ajit Baruah which was followed by the welcome address delivered by Anubhab Tulasi, President of Ajit Barua Anuragi Samaj and a renowned poet of contemporary Assamese poetry. The lecture programme was formally inaugurated by the principal of the college, Dr. Satyendra Nath Barman. In his brief speech he remembered late Ajit Baruah's contributions and lauded the efforts of the English department and the Anuragi Samaj. Before the delivery of the speech titled, "Ajit Baruah in the Sphere of Prose", Kirtikamal Bhuyan, Kakoli Borah and Abhilasha Deka recited poems of Ajit Baruah while Dr. Surajit Baruah recited a self-translated poem of Ajit Baruah. Kushal Dutta, the Secretary of the Samaj then introduced Munin Bayan, a noted author, critic and deputy editor of *The Assam Tribune*. In his speech, Munin Bayan, a distinguished journalist and literary critic attempted to look at the multifaceted nature and wide range of the prose pieces written by Ajit Baruah, how Mr. Baruah was directly and indirectly influenced by various isms of his times, eventually reckoning him to be a truly modern Assamese poet. A few students and others present at the event actively participated in the interaction programme which took place after the speech. A number of writers, poets, academicians and journalists including Dr. Bibhash Choudhury, Dr. Santwana Bordoloi, Samiran Baruah, Bipul Jyoti Saikia, Ankur Ranjan Phukan etc. and attended the lecture program which came to an end with the Vote of Thanks proposed by Dr. Abhigyan Prasad, the head of the department of English, B. Borooah College.