

Puppetry show, discussion held



(Left) The Sabha President Dr. Kuladhar Saikia inaugurating the puppetry show and (right) the puppetry artists Binita Devi and Antara G. G. Choudhary are seen with Dr. Saikia, cultural sub-committee working president D. N. Basumatry, executive member Dr. Apurba Kr. Saikia, cultural sub-committee member Bibhu Dutta and others

A series of two puppetry show was held at the Neha Agarwala Auditorium in the premises of Asam Sahitya Sabha's Guwahati office on August 22, 2021, from 11-00 A.M. Organised by Asam Sahitya Sabha's cultural sub-committee, the show was inaugurated by the Sabha President Dr Kuladhar Saikia.

The programme began with presentation of the Sabha opening song '*Chira Chenehi Mor Bhasha Janani...*' which was followed by welcome address by the working president of the cultural sub-committee Debendra Nath Basumatary. The Sabha general secretary Jadab Chandra Sarma introduced the puppetry artists Antara G G Choudhury and Binita Devi, and two other noted artists—actor-director Upakul Bordoloi who was recently honoured by the Govt. of Assam with prestigious Sahityacharyya Atul Chandra Hazarika Award, and Chabin Rajkhowa, an expert of the puppetry performing art form. Sarma conducted the felicitation to all these four persons of eminence. The sub-committee working president Basumatary, convenor Dr Shyamal Prasad Saikia and associated convenor Dr Mrinmoy Nath felicitated the artists with *gamosa* and book packets.

It was followed by puppetry expert, research scholar Shri Rajkhowa's in-depth speech on this much popular folk performing art form practiced in all over the world.

Binita Devi's puppetry show took place as the first presentation. She spoke on this very art form and her experience before the show. On the other hand, Antara G G Choudhury presented her show at first and then spoke in brief. There is no denying the fact that the shows by both the artists were widely acclaimed by the viewers gathered at the venue from various nooks and corners of the city.

Both the artists took part in the interactive session with the viewers that followed the shows. Then the sub-committee associated convenor Dr Mrinmoy Nath proposed vote of thanks.

The proceedings came to the conclusion with presentation of Asom Sangeet '*O Mor Aaponar Desh...*'