

'Swadesh-Swabhiman'— impressive oration by a batch of young people Several issues on Assam's socio-economic sphere discussed



(Sitting from left) Mayur Bora, Shantikam Hazarika, President Dr. Saikia, Vice-president Smti. Mrinalini Devi, Aparna Devi and (standing on extreme right) General Secretary Jadab ch. Sharma along with the students who delivered lectures.

A batch of seven young thinkers presented a series of impressive lectures on Assam's socio-economic scenario in a programme titled 'Swadesh-Swabhiman' introduced newly by Asam Sahitya Sabha on November 7, 2021. Held at Radhagobinda Barua Hall in the Sabha's Guwahati office premises with president Dr Kuladhar Saikia in the chair, the programme was also attended by three dignitaries—Shantikam Hazarika, Mayur Bora and Aparna Devi—as resource persons.

Began with the Sabha general secretary Jadab Chandra Sharma's welcome address and followed by Dr Saikia's opening speech, the series of lectures commenced with Anjuman Bharadwaj speaking on the topic 'Elements of folk culture of Assam on the verge of extinction'. Other speakers and the topics were: Barnil Medhi ('Architecture and sculptures of Assam and India—a comparative view'), Kallol Kashyap ('Economy and ecology of Assam'), Pratyashi Priya ('Barter system in Assam and self-dependence of rural people'), Sugandhiprapti ('Assam's village and our pride'), Unmilan Kalita ('Intellectual resistance against British imperialism in Assam') and Sudarshan Sarma ('Assamese literature through the periods of conflict and contradiction').

The lectures were followed by speeches by three resource persons Shantikam Hazarika, Mayur Bora and Aparna Devi. Tridip Bhagawati, a student of Cotton University conducted the programme as moderator.

It may be mentioned here that Asam Sahitya Sabha has introduced this new programme in order to develop the skill of the young general people to present articulate views on Assam's different aspects especially outside the state. Sabha has already organised a number of programmes involving young generation people. In last year's Guwahati Book Fair, the Sabha organised a get-together with young Assamese entrepreneurs.

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