

## Tribute to Rajanikanta Bordoloi



**Local artists presenting opening chorus before the open meeting**

Rich tribute was paid to Upanyassamrat Rajanikanta Bordoloi, the creator of classic Assamese novel 'Miri Jiyori' and former president of Asam Sahitya Sabha, on the occasion of his birth anniversary day celebrated by the Sabha as its Central Programme on November 24, 2021, at Howly in Barpeta district. Organised by Howly Sahitya Sabha in association with 'Manomati Upanyasor Smritirakhya Samity', the day-long programme began with hoisting of the Sabha flag by Howly Sahitya Sabha president Nripen Pujary. It was followed by 'Smriti Tarpan' in which former Howly municipality chairman Paramananda Das and Howly Ras Committee president Munindra Das lit the ceremonial lamp and paid floral tribute respectively in front of the portrait of Rajanikanta Bordoloi. Other guests who took part in the programme were Barpeta Zila Sahitya Sabha president Lachit Kalita, Sabha's executive member Gobinda Kalita, AASU organising secretary Krishnakanta Das, and academicians Pabitra Saha and Dr Dewan Nazrul Kadir.

The open meeting that took place at 10-30 A.M. was presided over by the Sabha vice president Smti Mrinalini Devi. The batch of invited guests present at the function includes noted writer, Sahityacharyya Dr Parag Kumar Bhattacharyya, noted scholar-critic Dr Paramananda Majumdar and Barpeta district ADC Smti Lakhimi Dutta. After the Sabha general secretary Jadab Chandra Sharma's welcome speech, all the guests in their speeches highlighted various aspects of the creative literature genius Rajanikanta Bordoloi.

From the Sabha's central committee, Dr Upendrajit Sharma, Dr Sanjiv Kumar Sharma, Manik Ahmed, Amarendra Barua and D N Basumatary attended the function. After the open meeting, the cultural programme was inaugurated by Asom Natya Sanmilan president and former state cultural minister Kumar Dipak Das. The artists who rendered songs in the programme were Rupam Bhuyan, Vidyasagar, Jina Rajkumari, Rubul Kalita, Krantika Shandilya, Nivedita Medhi and others.

In the evening, an earthen lamp was lit at the backdrop venue of the novel 'Manomati' by the Smritirakhya Samity president Dr Bhagirath Nath.