



River Talks-North East Literary Fest

The inauguration ceremony of Royal Group of Institutions Literary Fest, 2016 was declared open by the Lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest, Adil Hussain, Guest of Honor, Mr. Upamanyu Chatterjee and the Chairman of Royal Group of Institutions Mr. A.K Pansari followed by the introductory speech and the State Anthem.

The fest was joined by noted writers and academics like Ms. Geeta Dharmarajan, Ms. Preeti Gill, Mr. Sanjoy Hazarika, Mr. Jerry Pinto, Ms. Shinie Antony, Prof. Bijoy Kumar Singh, Prof. Pankaj Thapa, Ms. Rashmi Narzary, Ms. Patricia Mukhim , , Prof. Bibhas Choudhury, Dr. Rakhee Kalita, Dr. Shrutimala Duara, Mr. Bhaskar Dutta Barua, Ms. Bandita Phukan, Prof. Ashes Gupta, to name a few. Sahitya Sabha Presidents were also felicitated.

Pix-a-tale, this event is all about "Framing a story by observing the pictures". It is one of the event among the 22 events which are being held in River Talks. It was an one hour competition where various participants from different colleges and schools took part with great enthusiasm. It was judged by Dr. Darshana Goswami. The winner of the competition will be announced tomorrow.

Panel discussion was also held on Traditional Publishing viz-a-viz Electronic Publishing. The panelists were Ms. Geeta Dharmrajan, Ms. Preeti Gill, Prof. Bibhas Choudhary and Mr. Bhaskar Dutta Barua and Prof. Bibhas Choudhary being the moderator. Ms. Preeti Gill starts speaking about the old publishing mediums . And then she told about the newer mediums saying that a lot more was expected and it was thought that it'll take over 80-90% of the market back in 2010 but then the E-books didn't take off well. And finally asks a question that whether the new mediums expand the market or increased the readers? Then, Ms. Geeta Dharmrajan starts with saying that "publishing is huge". She emphasizes that trees are being cut for the books but then some books are not worth cutting trees and it's better off without it. Next pannelist was professor Bhaskar Dutta Barua and he started with quoting that the book publishing industry is the nastiest and someone from the audience agreed to it. Then he saluted Ms. Preeti Gill and Ms. Greta Dharmrajan for being in the publishing field. Then he expresses his feelings and says that as a publisher he finds Digital Publishing an opportunity. Professor Bibhas Choudhary being the next member starts with the question "What's the role of the family in reading?" To which every pannelists answers within their own words to the question one after another. Then then the discussion and debate

can be used on on used on the topics like "vanity publishing" and "hard copies & ebooks".

Tug of words , the debate was "The House believes that there can never be Gender Equality on this Planet". The judges who were invited to witness the session were- Dr. Dipak Sharma, Ms. Aparajita Bhuyan & Bidula Sharma Maam. The speaker of the house was Dr. Amlan Das. There were many colleges from the northeast region who participated in this competition. Some of the colleges include B. Barua College, NEF Law College, Cotton College, Dibrugarh University etc. The participants were energetic as the topic of the debate is a very serious issue in our society. There were many colleges from the northeast region who participated in this competition. Some of the colleges include B. Barua College, NEF Law college, Cotton College, Dibrugarh University etc. The names of the winners of the competition are as follows - Chintumoni Saiki Nidarshan from Cotton College bagged the first position, Samutjal Dutta Moon Talukdar from Assam Academy of Media studies was the first runner-up, whereas the second runner-up was Monami Bhuyan from AEC.

Poster making competition was held at RGI premises which started at 12o clock and lasted till 2pm .Competition comprised of44 participants from different schools across the state such as San Francis, Assam Valley , rgs , etc. The poster making competition was based on the topic conserve wildlife which also aimed at creating awareness about the need to protect wildlife . After the competition got over the results were declared by our panelists Kaushik Hazarika and Tulirekha Dey at 3pm, 1st prize was bagged by Driston Saikia (rgs) And runner-ups were Siddheshwar Ranawat , Pratish Paban Patowary (rgs)

The 3rd re-incarnation of "**Aedificatoria 2016...reduce,reuse,recycle**", an annual event by the Royal School of Architecture, kick-started with its Inauguration Ceremony on the 19th of October 2016. The event was graced by internationally acclaimed architect, **Ar. Jaisim Krishna Rao** from Jaisim-Fountainhead, Bangalore and the master mind behind several city planning across India, **Prof. Utpal Sharma**, Director-School of Architecture-Nirma University, Ahmedabad.

Royal School of Architecture also felicitated the first graduating batch of the B.ARCH, the results of which were recently announced by the Gauhati University. The students who bagged the 7 position out of the Top 10, were awarded along with all other graduating students.

The event marked the closing with a vote of thanks by the Principal of Royal School of Architecture following which, the Guests Prof. Krishna Rao Jaisim & Prof. Utpal Sharma inaugurated the "Students Work Exhibition".

The whole event comprised of more than 700 people including eminent personalities ranging from scholars to budding writers, poets, authors from different literary backgrounds. The event also comprised of participants representing different schools and colleges from across the State.

We also had the premier screening of the documentary titled "RANBUAI" Mizoram's 'Troubled Years' by Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika and Ms. Preeti Gill with credits to the Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research (C-ness) and the Heinrich Boll Foundation.