

Mahendra Bora memorial lecture held

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GOALPARA, Feb 12: Goalpara College Teachers' Association organised the Mahendra Bora Memorial Lecture on Saturday on the topic *'Annwesan Aaru Anubhab: Kabya Aaru Chalachitrar Jugalbandi.'*

Chief guest and keynote speaker Manoj Barpujari said in the course of his lecture that poetry is not merely an explosion of individual emotion. Rather, he said, it must reflect the ongoing crises of society and help people become better human beings. He also said that writing poetry is an extremely difficult exercise and quoted a great poet who had said that "There is no more painful prison than writing poetry."

Regarding films, Barpujari said that cinema is not merely a source of entertainment; it is educative, it helps us understand society, it helps us understand mankind, and it helps us understand ourselves. He said that cinema is the most powerful form of art that can touch and influence the human mind. Citing the films of some of the greatest filmmakers like Bergman, Tarkovsky, Eisenstein, Buddhadeb Dasgupta, Bhabendra Nath Saikia and Rajani Basumatary – some of whom were also great poets at the same time – Barpujari said that to understand some great films one

must know the context, the background history and the perspective.

The meeting was presided over by the president of Goalpara College Teachers' Association, Dr Ranjit Choudhury, who said that organising such an event brings pride and honour to the educational institution and such events provide an opportunity to interact with luminaries from specialised fields.

Dr Subhash Barman, principal of Goalpara College, delivered the welcome address and said that the Mahendra Bora Memorial Lecture has become an exciting and prestigious event for the institution to commemorate the profound contribution of the late Dr Mahendra Bora.

Dr Johirul Hoque, secretary of Goalpara College Teachers' Association, spoke on the objectives of the event, while Trishna Barman, assistant professor of Zoology, presented a brief introduction about Dr Mahendra Bora. Dr Jugabrata Das, another assistant professor of Zoology, presented a brief introduction about Manoj Barpujari. During the interaction, Prof Dewan Joynal Abedin, former head of the English department, made an observation that a great film rarely becomes popular because of the absence of popular content.