

# Amalendu Guha's perspectives on history discussed

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GOALPARA, Aug 28: A seminar titled 'Discourse on contemporary history of India and Dr Amalendu Guha' held at Goalpara College was organized jointly by Goalpara College and Natun Sahitya Parishad Goalpara recently which focused on the life and contributions of Dr Guha, a distinguished Marxist historian, poet, and social thinker.

Dr Subhash Barman, the principal of Goalpara College and a history researcher, inaugurated the event by discussing Amalendu Guha's perspective on history as a reflection of the role of people in societal change. Dr Ahijuddin Sheikh, a former principal of BN College and secretary of the District Committee, provided a detailed overview of Dr Guha's life, including his educational background, career, writings, and his engagement with the social life of the undivided Goalpara district.

Senior journalist and writer Nitya Bora, serving as the working president of the Dr Amalendu Guha Birth Centenary Committee, highlighted the spiritual connection he felt with Dr Guha and underscored the importance of following Guha's path, particularly during times of crisis. Bora described history as a narrative of people's struggles and their triumphs over adversity, and he noted the cultural vibrancy of the Goalpara district.

Poet Samindra Hujuri offered a poetic tribute to Dr Guha, discussing select poems from *Tomaloi* and their depiction of societal crises. Hujuri also noted the influence of Pablo Neruda on Guha's poetry.

Professor Rajib Handique, the keynote speaker, explored different approaches to

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studying history, such as the Imperialist, Nationalist, and Marxist approaches. He emphasized that Dr Guha, as a Marxist historian, advocated for a factual, evidence-based, and scientific study of history. He compared Dr Guha's approach to that of other prominent historians like DD Kosambi, Romila Thapar, and Bipan Chandra. Handique praised Dr Guha for his significant contributions to the discourse on contemporary Indian history, particularly in areas such as the historical roles of Parsi entrepreneurs, India's nationality question, and the economic history of regions like Afghanistan and Northeast India.

The event also saw the inauguration of two biographies written by Dr Ahijuddin Sheikh - one on Dr Amalendu Guha and the other on Syed Abdul Malik by Dr Paramananda Majumdar, the state secretary of the centenary celebration committee.

The seminar concluded with a recitation of one of Dr Guha's poems by Sumit Kalita, leaving the audience with a deeper appreciation of his legacy. Professor Ranjit Choudhury initiated the event, ensuring a well-rounded and thought-provoking discussion.

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