

Rupkonwar Jyotiprasad fondly remembered on 'Jyoti Divas'

"Our new generation has to follow the ideals of Rupkonwar Jyotiprasad in order to live healthy and cultured life. In fact, the key to the success of holding 'Jyoti Divas' lies in our new generation people's ability to follow the life and ideals of Rupkonwar Jyotiprasad in true sense," said the Sabha's vice president Smti Mrinalini Devi in her presidential address in the recently-held 'Jyoti Divas' to pay tribute to Rupkonwar Jyotiprasad Agarwala at Khemkanta Bora Samannay Khetra in Chakalaghat in Nagaon district on January 17, 2022.

Organised by Chakalaghat Sakha Sahitya Sabha under the auspices of Nagaon Zila Sahitya Sabha the said 'Jyoti Divas' was held as the Sabha's central programme while abiding by the Covid protocol as declared by the state government. The day-long programme began with hoisting of the Sabha flag by Nagaon Zila Sahitya Sabha president Paran Kumar Barua. It was followed by lighting of 105 numbers of earthen lamp to mark the 105 anniversary of the Sabha by 105 persons of eminence of the locality.

The next programme was 'Swagata Swagata Satirtha' in which a series of song and dance based on Rupkonwar Jyotiprasad's compositions were presented. Noted singer Jina Rajkumari inaugurated the programme which began with a dance item presented by the artists of Brindaban Sarengi Kala Kendra of Kopahera. A number of singers, such as, Tarun Saikia, Jitu Shrabani, Krishnabhjit Saikia, Rajesh Konwar, Bristikanya Saikia, Hariharshid and others presented Jyoti Sangeet on the occasion. Veteran artist Gopal Bora felicitated on the occasion.

The open meeting, the main agenda of the day, that followed at the folk artist Guna Saikia Memorial Stage with Smti Mrinalini Devi in the chair. The proceedings began with presentation of the Sabha's opening song '*Chira Chenehi Mor Bhasha Janani...*' by over 50 female artists under the direction of Nitumoni Hazarika. Anchored by Chakalaghat Sakha Sahitya Sabha secretary Kalyan Kumar Bora, the meeting saw Jadab Chandra Sharma delivering welcome address and it was followed by formal inauguration by noted writer-publisher Padmashree Surjya Hazarika. A batch of dignitaries graced the occasion as invited guests spoke on the life and works of Rupkonwar Jyotiprasad. They were ADP College principal Dr Surajit Bhagawati, Tezpur Kanya Mahabidyalay principal Dr Tapan Kalita and Nagaon MLA Rupak Sarma. Five eminent artists were accorded public felicitated on the occasion and they were Gambhir Saikia, Dosen Gogoi, Hem Ram Kumar, Tankeshwar Saikia and Rohit Saikia. Popular singer Ranjan Bezbarua came up with impressive rendition of a few songs. Moreover, a couple of books were ceremonially released at the meeting which was also attended by the Sabha's former general secretary Padum Rajkhowa and others.

A health check up camp was also held by state health directorate under the supervision of two physician.



Mrinalini Devi being felicitated