



REPORT

OBSERVANCE OF PARTITION HORRORS REMEMBRANCE DAY

As a part of the fifth day of the celebration of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', Lumding College observed the Partition Horrors Remembrance Day. It is a national memorial day in India observed on 14th of August, first declared by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2021, that commemorates the victims and sufferings of people during partition of India.

Two key speakers were invited on the occasion. One was Dr. Mousumi Chowdhury, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Diphu Government College and the other speaker was Ms. Sumita Debnath, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Hojai Girls' College.

The programme hosted by Dr. Bandita Teronpi from the Department of Political Science, Lumding College commenced at 10:30 am at the conference hall of the college. At first the guests, along with Principal of the college, Dr. Mrinal Kanti Paul, Governing Body President Shri Prithwiraj Dutta and Prof. Parashu Upadhyay, HoD, Department of History were asked to take their respective seats on the dais after which they were duly felicitated with the Assamese traditional gamusa.



Felicitations of the guests.

Next, Prof. Parashu Upadhyay was invited over to give the welcome note on the occasion. He welcomed everyone and stated the objectives of the programme. After his speech, Dr. Mrinal Kanti Paul was called forward to address the audience with a short speech. Next, Shri Prithviraj Dutta delivered a speech on the occasion. Also, as directed by the UGC, there was a show of the sufferings of the partition affected people through an exhibition that has been jointly curated by the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) and Indira

Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA). This show was presented on digital medium and Dr. Bandita Teronpi, read out and pointed out the important parts of the exhibition.



After that, the first speaker of the day, Ms. Sumita Debnath was called forth for a speech. She gave a brief history of the partition of India, throwing light on the series of struggles since 1857 to 1947. She also highlighted the struggles of various freedom fighters involved in the struggle for India's independence. She briefly explained the effects of partition on the common people and its aftermath which still can be seen today.



Ms. Sumita Debnath during her speech.

The next speaker of the day, Dr. Mousumi Chowdhury, gave a presentation titled 'Dealing with the horrors of partition and its impact on North-East India with special reference to forced migration and trauma of the refugees of the Barak Valley of Assam.' She

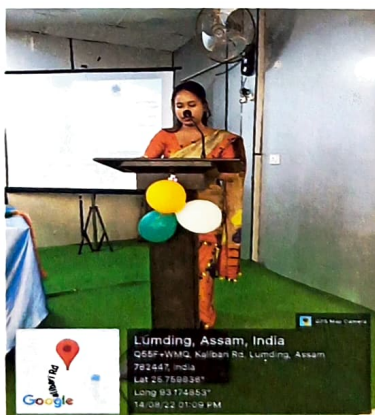


mainly focused on the horrors of partition of 1947 that had to be faced by the people of Barak Valley, which remains a unique component in the history of Partition. Dr. Chowdhury extensively explained how a major displacement of people took place after the referendum in Sylhet district on 6th and 7th July, 1947 and how while Punjab and Bengal were divided on the basis of religion, the Sylhet referendum was a vote not on one, but on two convergent subjects of realignment- of India on a communal basis and of Assam on a linguistic basis. Sylhet, which was a part of Assam, opted to join Pakistan, with only the Karimganj region remaining in India. She threw light on the geopolitical realities and lived experiences of people residing here in the post partition phase as refugees.



Dr. Mousumi Chowdhury during her speech.

The programme ended with a Vote of Thanks by Miss Sampurna Bora from the Department of English. She extended her heartfelt gratitude to the invited speakers for gracing the event with their presence and for their enlightening speeches. She also thanked the Principal, the President of Governing Body and all the faculty members and students present on the occasion. The programme came to an end at 1:15 pm.



Ms. Sampurna Bora while delivering the Vote of Thanks.

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