

DHSK College Celebrates World Anthropology Day 2025 with Guest Lectures, Felicitation Programme and Exhibition.

A Brief Report

The Department of Anthropology, DHSK College, Dibrugarh, observed **World Anthropology Day on February 20, 2025**, with a series of engaging events, including **guest lectures and an exhibition of the Anthropological Museum and Biological Anthropology Laboratory**. The event aimed to highlight the relevance of anthropology in contemporary society and showcase its practical applications.

The day-long event commenced with an inaugural session graced by Dr. Sashi Kanta Saikia, Principal, DHSK College; Dr Anup Jyoti Bharali, Principal, MDKG College

Dr Priyadev Goswami, Vice-Principal, DHSK college; Dr Farida Ahmed Das, Retired Professor, Department of Anthropology, Dibrugarh University; Mrs. Dipawoli Kurmi, Assistant Commissioner, Sadiya, Assam; Dr Moromi Talukdar, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, DHSK College; Dr Sunanda Sahu, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Anthropology. In the programme Dr. Nitumoni Saikia, Dr. Bhaskar Das, Mr. Shiv Ram Dev Gauri and Mr. Suraj Hazarika from the Dept. of Anthropology besides other faculty members from various Department of the college.

In his inaugural speech, **Dr Sashi Kanta Saikia** emphasized the significance of anthropology in fostering awareness and sensitivity toward fellow human beings and diverse cultures in today's world.

Dr. Farida Ahmed Das, retired professor of Anthropology, Dibrugarh University, and Mrs. Dipawoli Kurmi, Assistant Commissioner, Sadiya, Assam, were the esteemed guest speakers for the occasion. Dr. Farida Ahmed Das emphasized the holistic nature of anthropology in addressing societal needs and encouraged students to explore areas where anthropology can make a significant impact. She stated that extensive human interference with nature has led to significant changes in people's lives and it is essential for anthropologists to study and understand these challenges.

Mrs. Dipawoli Kurmi, an alumna of the department, shared her journey from being an anthropology student to an administrative officer, stressing how the subject has helped her effectively discharge her duties. She also highlighted various career opportunities for anthropology graduates in different sectors.

As part of the program, the Department of Anthropology also felicitated **Mr. Mridupawan Hazarika for receiving the Jyotirmoy Chakraborty Memorial Award, 2024 under the aegis of the Indian Anthropological Society, Kolkata as the Post Graduate degree topper in Anthropology among the universities of North East India.**

The Anthropological Museum featured a fascinating display of tools, pottery, and artifacts from different historical periods, curated by undergraduate and postgraduate students. Meanwhile, in the **Biological Anthropology Laboratory**, students created a mock crime scene to demonstrate the role of forensic anthropologists in identification and individualization. They also explained key areas of biological anthropology, including serology, osteology, anthropometry, nutritional anthropology etc

The day-long event saw enthusiastic participation from both undergraduate and postgraduate students of the department of Anthropology, who played a pivotal role in ensuring its success. Students and faculty members from various departments attended the event in large numbers, making it a truly enriching and informative celebration of anthropology.



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