

State women librarians' meet held at Dibru College

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DIBRUGARH, April 24:
The first conference of All Assam Women's Librarian

Association (AAWLA) was organized at Dibru College here Saturday under the initiative of All Assam Women's Librarians Association, a release stated.

Alka Buragohain, a retired Professor of Gauhati University, who was at the forefront of the development of library science in Assam, Prof. Dr Bhimkanta Baruah, retired head of the Department of Assamese, Dibrugarh University, Dr Chandana Gogoi, in-charge Principal of Dibru College, Dr Jyotika Devi, president of All Assam Women Librarians' Association, Dr Bina Lahkar, retired assistant librarian, Krishnakanta Handique Library, Gauhati University were among those who attended the event.

Prof. Bhimkanta Barua addressed the gathering and urged librarians to take the lead in preserving the manuscripts available in different parts of Assam for future generations.

The Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC) president and retired professor of Gauhati University Narendra Lahkar delivered the keynote address of the programme. In his speech, he explained the responsibilities of librarians in development of the society. Dr Badan Barman, assistant

professor, Gauhati University delivered a special lecture in the event covering various aspects that are essential for quality education and research in the present context. Dr Kankana Baishya, general secretary of All Assam Women's Librarians Association gave a brief overview of the present status and future plans of the All Assam Women's Librarians Association.

In the event, Chhaya Sutradhar, retired librarian of Tinsukia Girls' College received the 'Shanti Das Memorial Best Women Librarian Award' for the year 2023 for her lifelong contribution towards library science.

About 10 librarians, academicians, researchers, students from different parts of the state attended the conference with the objective to discuss the need of education and research in the development of the society and remembering the contribution of the people associated with library science.

In the day-long conference, two books titled *Praggnan* (Gateway of Knowledge) and *Ekatra* were released. The event concluded with a cultural programme.

The vote of thanks was offered by Dipika Das, Librarian, Dibru College, the release added.