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Nobel lecture series organised at Dibru College

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DIBRUGARH, Nov 10: The two-day Nobel lecture series (season 3) organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Dibru College in collaboration with the Science Forum concluded at the college here today.

The lecture series started yesterday with a discussion on three Nobel award categories — literature, medicine/physiology, and economic sciences.

Dr Ranjan Changmai, Principal, Dibru College, initiated the programme with a welcome address.

Dr Rajuline Siraj Farjina Akhtar explored the Nobel Prize in Literature, awarded to Norwegian playwright and novelist Jon Fosse. She delved into Fosse's innovative prose and plays, highlighting his exploration of existentialism and the ordinary struggles of

people in works like 'I am the wind'. Pranab Paul, from the Department of Botany, covered the Nobel Prize in Medicine, focusing on Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman's ground breaking work in developing mRNA vaccines for Covid-19. Juri Phukan, Assistant Professor of Economics, highlighted the Nobel laureate in Economic Sciences, Professor Claudia Goldin from Harvard University. Goldin's research on women's labour market outcomes, spanning 200 years of US history, revealed insights into gender differences influenced by various factors.

Today, Chandana Gogoi, the Vice Principal and Associate Professor of Physics, discussed the Nobel Prize in Physics awarded to Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz, and Anne L'Huillier. Dr Mandakini Dutta, Assistant Professor of

Chemistry, focused on the Nobel Prize in Chemistry awarded to Moungi G Bawendi, Louis E Brus, and Aleksey I Yekimov for their work on Quantum dots. She explained the potential applications of these tiny crystals in various fields.

Palash Kumbang, Assistant Professor of Political Science, spoke about the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Narges Mohammadi for her courageous fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her advocacy for human rights.

The two-day event also featured soulful music renditions and poem recitations, adding a cultural touch to the academic discussions. Dr Viveeyan Saikia, Assistant Professor of Botany and Assistant Coordinator of IQAC, anchored the programme. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Jaswant Singh, Coordinator, IQAC, Dibru College, a release stated.