

Celebration/Observation of 129<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi.

The Directorate of Museums, Assam observed 129<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi at his memorial museum, Raha with a daylong programme on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Shri Dimbeswar Das, Hon'ble MLA, Raha lighted inaugural lamp and paid tribute to Bharat Ratna Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi, the 1<sup>st</sup> Prime Minister of then undivided Assam Province. He exhorted the gathering and specially students to follow footprint of Gopinath Bordoloi. Four schools participated in the programme namely Pandit Gopinath Bordoloi High School, Raha Girls High School, Raha Adarsha Sishu Bikash Kendra, Raha Higher Secondary School. 43 students took part in painting competition while 20 took part in Poem recitation. Results of the same are as follows –

Art Competition :

Group A

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Sri Shyam Kishore, Class – VI, Raha Adarsha Sishu Bikash Kendra
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Miss Rimpi Konwar, Class – VII, Raha Girls High School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Miss Dreamly Devi, Class – VI, Raha Adarsha Sishu Bikash Kendra

Group B

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Miss Dharitri Moni Patar, Class – IX, Raha Girls High School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Miss Pallabi Sarma, Class – IX, Raha Girls High School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Miss Shanti Medhi, Class – VIII, Raha Girls High School

Poem Recitation :

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Leon Leaf Kaushik Nath, Raha Adarsha Sishu Bikash Kendra
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Sikha Jyoti Borah, Raha Girls High School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Satarupa Borkakoti, Raha Adarsha Sishu Bikash Kendra

The Director of Museums highlighted contribution of Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi and encouraged the students to learn value like, compassion, unselfish dedication towards Assam (undivided) and its people that is why he was conferred the title Lokapriya – Loved by all. This is the essence of life.

Later on Mrs. Devabala Devi, granddaughter of Gopinath Bordoloi delivered a lecture on “Relationship of Gopinath Bordoloi with various tribal communities of North-East.” He had soft corner for the smaller ethnic groups equally and extended all facilities that could be. she also pointed out that Srimanta Sakardeva, Lakshminath Bezbarua and Gopinath Bordoloi; all great personalities were borne at Nagaon District. Shri Biswajit Pegu, IAS, DC, Nagaon also came and paid tribute to the great leader. He had also exhorted the gathering.