

**Unveiling Ceremony of Dr.S.K.Bhuyan's Statue on 6<sup>th</sup> April'15, Gauhati University**



## Dr SK Bhuyan statue unveiled at GU



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press release.

Dr Suryya Kumar Bhuyan Memorial Trust has donated the statue to the University and its Chairperson Banti Bhuyan spoke on the attachment Dr Bhuyan had for the institution in whose emergence he played a significant role.

Professor Das shed light on the role played by Suryya Kumar Bhuyan as the GU Special Officer and his stellar contribution to its foundation in 1948. He also highlighted the relevance of the pursuit of excellence, which was epitomised by Dr Bhuyan, in the context of today's higher education scene. In the function, GU VC Dr Mridul Hazarika released a booklet on Suryya Kumar Bhuyan to commemorate the occasion.

GU Rector Professor Hariprasad Sarma, faculty members from different GU departments, students, officers and employees, distinguished guests and other invited dignitaries were present on the occasion.

The unveiling ceremony also saw the performance of a song by Dr Bhuyan, apart from the university anthem composed by Dr Bhupen Hazarika and *O Mor Aponar Desh*, all of which were sung by the students of the university.

GUWAHATI, April 7 – A life-size bronze statue of noted historian as well as an academician of repute Dr Suryya Kumar Bhuyan was unveiled in front of the Gauhati University (GU) New Arts Building here on April 6 by Vice Chancellor of Calcutta University Professor Suranjan Das, said a

## Statue of SK Bhuyan unveiled

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Ms Banti Bhuyan, chairperson of Prof. SK Bhuyan

initiative to commemorate the memories of the luminaries like Lakhinath Bezbaruah, K.K. Handique and now Prof. S.K. Bhuyan by installing their statues in the campus. We hope to see more and more statues and bust of other personalities of the past contributing immensely to literature, history and science of Assam."

GUWAHATI, April 7: A life-size bronze statue of Dr Suryya Kumar Bhuyan, renowned historian, poet, critic of 20th century Assam, was unveiled on Monday at Gauhati University in front of the New Arts Building by Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta University.

While eulogizing the contributions of Dr Bhuyan to the history and literature of Assam, Prof. Das deliberated upon Bhuyan's activities as the Special University Officer in 1947. He said that it was because of Dr. Bhuyan and the initiative taken by Gopinath Bordoloi, the then Chief Minister of Assam, Gauhati University came into being in 1948. Prof. Das further elaborated on maintaining excellence in higher education at university level and insisted that in no way quality at that level should be compromised.

Dr. Mridul Hazarika, Vice-Chancellor, Gauhati University and other speakers paid tributes to Dr Bhuyan's ideals and works.

The nine-foot tall bronze statue was sculptured by Gautam Palan, internationally famed artist from Kolkata, and was donated to Gauhati University by Dr. Suryya Kumar Bhuyan Memorial Trust.



Memorial Trust, said: "I would like to thank all renowned dignitaries, guests, and family. We appreciate the university's in-

Dr. SK Bhuyan Memorial Trust was formed on January 29, 2014 by the grandchildren and great-grand children with Prof. Ranjit Dev Goswami, currently Srimanta Sankardeva chairperson at Tezpur University and formerly Head of the Department of English, GU. Md. Akdas Ali Mir, prominent writer and senior advocate of Gauhati High Court, Swapnil Baruah, IAS, Commissioner, Government of Assam as trustee and advisers. Banti Bhuyan is the chairperson and Ajant Bhuyan is the Managing Trustee of the trust. The Trust has taken up programmes and plan in completion of all written works of Dr. S.K. Bhuyan in several volumes under the title "Complete Work of Suryya Kumar Bhuyan", and erected statues of Dr. Bhuyan in important places with the cooperation of institutions.

## Trust offers Calcutta University a fund to help study Suryya Kumar Bhuyan

# Research to revere historian's memory

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Guwahati, April 6: Calcutta University will facilitate research and study on Assam historian and second vice-chancellor of Gauhati University, Suryya Kumar Bhuyan.

The Suryya Kumar Bhuyan Memorial Trust has offered Calcutta University an endowment fund to help it facilitate study on Bhuyan's work.

"We are in touch with the trust. We hope to implement the project soon," said Suranjan Das, the vice-chancellor of Calcutta University, while talking to **The Telegraph** on the sidelines of a programme at Gauhati University today.

Das today unveiled a life-sized bronze statue of Bhuyan in front of

the New Arts Building of the university here.

The statue was made by sculptor Gautam Pal from Calcutta at a cost of Rs 15 lakh.

After inaugurating the statue, Das highlighted how as a vice-chancellor, Bhuyan had developed close relationships with Calcutta University and strove for the development of Gauhati University.

"Gauhati University would not have attained its current position without dedicated efforts of Bhuyan," he said.

The names of Presidency College and Calcutta University, his alma mater, appear in many places in Bhuyan's writings.

The trust's chairperson and Bhuyan's granddaughter, Banti-

Bhuyan, said they would be happy to offer a similar endowment fund for Gauhati University if the varsity was willing.

The trust, formed in January last year, has taken up many plans and programmes for the next five years.

These include compilation and publication of all the works of Bhuyan in several volumes, putting up statues of Bhuyan in important places, translation of some of his books into English and other languages and launch of a website. It created the Dr Suryya Kumar Bhuyan Endowment Chair in IIT Guwahati.

The trust will soon install a bronze bust of Bhuyan made by Gautam Pal in front of Cotton College Library.



The statue of Suryya Kumar Bhuyan being unveiled at Gauhati University on Monday. Picture by UB Photos