



## Conference Newsletter

Updates: Day 4

### Plenary Session 5: Dr. Mrinmoyee Baruah



29<sup>th</sup> October 2022: The last day of the conference began with the 5<sup>th</sup> plenary speaker of the session Dr. Mrinmoyee Baruah, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at KHS College, Six Mile, Guwahati. Dr. Baruah is a very prominent personality who is known for being involved with Deepsikha Cancer Care Foundation as the Founder Honorary Secretary. She engaged the crowd with her inspiring words which were evident from all the work she has done towards the betterment of the society. She encouraged the students to contribute towards community service and be their selfless versions. She also mentioned how community service enhances one's social skills and point of view towards society at a macro level and instills a sense of responsibility in the young minds. She explained how they work to help the cancer patients under the age of 18 who cannot afford any treatment in their center without having to compromise on their education and offered to visit the center to get a better understanding of their lives and

struggles. The crowd was highly inspired by Dr Baruah's session.

### Plenary Session 6: Sheila Bora



29<sup>th</sup> October 2022: Sheila Bora, with her intricate knowledge about the history and origin of magic for which Mayong is known for, captured the interests of everyone in the room as the 6<sup>th</sup> and the last plenary session of the conference. With a major in history, she is very well equipped with the origins and types of magic that was and still is practiced in some parts of this mysterious place. Prof. Bora laid the foundation stone for Mayong Museum, which is a storehouse of copious manuscripts, body parts of animals such as owl's heart, tigress's vagina etc. which substantiate the practice of black magic back in the day by the people of this village. She also mentioned about various museum laws that is to be abided by people owning or building one. Prof. Bora shared extensive knowledge about manuscripts, stages of reviving various old stuff from families and learning various instances of mystical stuff. The session was the perfect ending to a very well planned and informative as well as

fun conference. The students were bestowed with lots of mind boggling and interesting stuff.

## Words by the Wise One



29<sup>th</sup> October 2022: In a very fruitful session hosted by the respected District Commissioner of Morigaon district, Mr. Devashish Sharma, the students got a clear idea about the structure of Indian administrative system. Mr. Sharma very humbly expressed his thoughts about his job and designation and how he really is grateful for where he is now. He narrated us his journey of being a civil servant and how it changed so many things in life. He also put forward his words of wisdom on hard work, perseverance, and consistency in life. The entire delegation, teachers, and other members of this conference were eternally grateful to have had come across such a down to earth personality who not only inspired the young minds but also thousands of people he is working for.

## Unravelling Mysterious Mayong



*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."-  
Winston Churchill*

29<sup>th</sup> October 2022: Post the plenary sessions, everybody visited the mystical Mayong Museum to see the antiques that were gathered and revived from thousands of years. In the museum, the students were given a detailed speech on the history of Mayong and how it created an identity beyond magic. Mayong is the only place in Assam that still has a king and hence the name Raja Mayong where the king resides. Mayong also has a lot of stone sculptures which are still preserved and numerous Ganesh idols. The students also interacted with the priests that still claim to know some white magic and recited a few spells and songs. Everybody was mesmerized to have visited the museum and check out the various collection of artefacts that were there.

## Trisha Pandit: Youth Mascot



29<sup>th</sup> October 2022: Trisha Pandit, a student from DPS, Raipur put up a very reflective presentation about her experience as a member of one of the first sets of Climate Youth Congress sponsored by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and hosted by Dr. Biswajit De. She expressed her concerns, experience, and her journey with IUCN in a concise manner which had a positive impact among her peers.

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