

## **Invited Talk and Discussion**

The Department of Anthropology, Dibrugarh University organized a talk and discussion on the Garo Society and its socio-cultural transformation on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 which was delivered by eminent writer and author Mr. Sundar Sangma, Meghalaya. Mr. Sangma as a member of the Garo ethnic community and the author of the novel 'Aarbela' which portrays Garo society highlighted the traditional cultural elements as well as socio-cultural transformation occurring in the Garo community due to assimilation to other ethnic communities and acceptance of Christianity. He with the students of the department discussed the socio-cultural differences between the Garos of Garo Hills of Meghalaya and the Plains of Dhansiri river in Assam. He also pointed out the prospects of research on the Garo community and the contribution of the Garo community in the formation of greater undivided Assam. Dr. Malaya Gogoi, Head of the Department of Philosophy, Silapathar College and Dr. Saurav Buragohain, Senior Doctor, Referral Hospital Chabua, Dibrugarh also participated in the programme and reviewed Mr. Sundar Sangma's novel on the Garos. The programme was chaired by the Head of the Department of Anthropology Prof. Nitul Kumar Gogoi, coordinated by Dr. Maitreyee Sharma and ended with a Vote of thanks by Dr. Shyamalee Gogoi.



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