

Bonkonwar remembered at Tangla on his 48th death anniversary



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The 48th death anniversary of Bonkonwar Anandi Ram [Das](#) was celebrated at [Tangla](#) on August 4. On the occasion, two other great lyricist of Assam ie, Luit Konwar Rudra Barua and Geeti Kabi Parbati Prasad Barua were also remembered. The event was organized by Sanskritik Mahasabha, Assam [Udalguri](#) and [Tangla](#) units in association with Yuva Tirtha, Guwahati at [Tangla](#) Girls HS premises. The concluding session was held at 4 pm which was presided [over](#) by Dr. Hari Ram [Das](#), president, Sanskritik Mahasabha, Assam [Udalguri](#) district committee.

Gyanendra Kumar Chaliha, secretary of the district unit of the Mahasabha in his inaugural speech gave a brief account of the Mahasabha in [Udalguri](#) district. He specially spoke on the five days Bongeet [workshop](#) held at [Tangla](#) recently from July 26 to 30. [Sankar Das](#), president of Sanskritik Mahasabha, Assam attended the session as the chief guest. Attending the session as the distinguished guest, Swapnanil Barua, eldest son of Luit Konwar Rudra Barua spoke on the origin of Bongeet in Assam. He mentioned legendary Assamese scholar Dr. Bani Kanta Kakati, who had introduced the word Bongeet. Also speaking on differences between Bongeet and other folk songs of Assam, Barua said that Bongeet reflect feelings or emotions of common people of the society like peasants, boatman, fisherman etc. He described the period of 1940 to 1960 as the golden era of Assamese culture.

Sixty one children and woman of the district who had participated in the recent [workshop](#) sang three nostalgic Bongeets of Rudra Barua, Anandi Ram [Das](#) and Parbati Prasad Barua to much delight of people present. Nabasmita Medhi of Guwahati and Tulika Devi of Kalaigaon also sang a few songs on the occasion. DN [Hazarika](#), ADC, [Udalguri](#); Dr. Mrinal Choudhury, president and Nirotpal Goswami, secretary, Yuva Tirtha, Guwahati; Prithu Barua, secretary of the Mahasabha; Chandra Prabha Dutta, HM, [Tangla](#) Girls HS; Nabajit [Das](#) of [Tangla](#) etc were also present. Sixty one numbers of participants of the [workshop](#) were awarded with certificates on the occasion.

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