

English novel on Srimanta Sankaradeva released



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THE REDEEMER, an English novel written by Dr Sanjib Kumar Borkakoti based on the life of Srimanta Sankaradeva was released on June 11, [2016](#) in Nagaon Press Club, Nagaon. The novel was released by Dr Ratul [Bora](#), Registrar of Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya. He compared the [author](#) Dr Sanjib Kumar Borkakoti with Dimbeswar [Neog](#) in dedication. He said that the [author](#) had been single-handedly working to spread the legacy of saint Srimanta Sankaradeva. He opined that the saint is relevant even in twenty first century.

Another speaker, journalist and retired professor Dr Abu Hanifa said that [Assamese](#) people will be able to elevate their status by making Srimanta Sankaradeva known globally. Utpal Goswami, former [President](#) of Sanmilita Yuvatirtha and social worker Dr Dhiren Borkakoti also spoke in the meeting. The [author](#) Dr Sanjib Kumar Borkakoti said that all characters of the novel were based on historical records or hagiographies, no unnecessary character was created for the novel.



THE REDEEMER is the first English novel written on the life of the saint. It has been published by Eastern [Book](#) House, Guwahati. The ISBN is 978-93-83252-91-[6](#). It will [soon](#) be available with major online vendors. Till then one can collect the novel from the counter of Eastern [Book](#) House, located opposite Panbazar Girls School. The Email of Eastern [Book](#) House is easternbookhouse@gmail.com. The novel has 210 pages. It has 32 chapters including the Epilogue.

The [author](#) described the tenor of the novel [as](#) that it was a tumultuous time in fifteenth century. Assam in medieval period saw the worst sufferings of humanity. Ethnic groups were fighting among themselves. Dignity of lives were lost. Security of lives were simply absent. Priests imposed numerous rituals upon people and extorted them. Rulers were oblivious of their subjects' woes. It was such a time when Srimanta Sankaradeva appeared on the scene. He redeemed the people of all regressive customs and showed them a new light. He was a messiah. He introduced a new paradigm in religion with his path-breaking integral approach to life. The [author](#) said that Srimanta Sankaradeva removed many superstitions and regressive customs. That is why the name THE REDEEMER was given to the novel.

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