

Farewell to Dr. Arupa Patangia Kalita



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[Tangla](#) College bids farewell to [Sahitya Akademi](#) Awardee Dr. Arupa Patangia Kalita on Wednesday. Speaking at the farewell function the outgoing HOD Dept. of English Dr. Kalita said "I and my husband Rajen Kalita who retired from the same college in 2007 were batchmates though we could select a [city](#) college even we were offered for faculties in Hemaprabha Girls College of Golaghat just opposite near my home.

"We decided to serve a small town. I was horrified by the backwardness (of Tanga) then, but it was a rewarding experience for me; it was the most wisest decision of my life that I cherish" said Dr Kalita. She further said that her spending of 39 years in [Tangla](#) gave a different pleasure.

Her recent novel "Tokra Bahor Sunar Beji" is based on [Tangla](#) and its suburbs.

She also said "No small place in Assam is [as](#) fascinating [as](#) [Tangla](#), the town with two flowing rivers. The place has made me write novels and short stories."

Expressing her gratitude to the [student community](#) she said "students instil inspiration in me which make me younger every year."

Arupa Patangia Kalita was born in 1956 and studied at Golaghat Mission Girls High School and Debraj [Roy](#) college she did her MA in Gauhati University. She pursued her Ph.D. from Gauhati University. Besides novel, novella and short stories she writes on issues concerning women and society. Her novels and short stories have been translated to many languages. Her writings have also been included in syllabus of many colleges and universities.

She has received many awards including [Sahitya Akademi](#) and penned 19 books consisting poetry and short stories.

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