

Friends of Assam and Seven Sisters organises Interactive Meet



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Friends of Assam and Seven Sisters (FASS) and Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC), Cotton College have jointly organized an Interactive Meet between Journalists/students of Mass Com & Journalism and S. Mitra Kalita of USA on 13th December, 2008 at the Conference Hall, Administrative Building, Cotton College . This Interactive Meet is a part of FASS initiative to share information and experience between the resident professionals/students and expatriates of this region.

S. Mitra Kalita, an award winning journalist, author and alumni of Columbia University was the key person of that discussion session. Renowned media persons, senior journalists of the region, students of Cotton College and the faculty members of EDC, Cotton College participated in the Meet.

Kalita has a wide experience of working in the field of journalism, both print and electronic media in USA in such esteemed newspapers as the Washington Post and others. For the last two years, she worked as the National Editor of the Mint, a joint publication of Hindustan Times and the Wallstreet Journal, in New Delhi. Kalita will return to USA and will join as Deputy global economics editor of The Wall Street Journal, New York in January 2009.

In this interactive meet she talked about her journey towards the field of journalism. Fluent in Assamese, English and Spanish she emphasized on the scenario of journalism in India and USA . She shared her memories during her first internship period in The Wall street Journal, when she was barely 16. She answered questions put forward by the participants. She will join The Wall-street Journal, New York as Deputy Global Economics Editor in January 2009.

The meeting was presided by Dr. Satyendra Kr Choudhury, Chief Co-Ordinator, EDC, Cotton College. Bidyananda Borkakoty, Secretary-General, FASS India, said that one of the ideas of FASS is to utilize the knowledge base available within the NRI community and spread this knowledge to interested groups in Assam. This is being realized by inviting the NRI's, who are on holidays or business visit to Assam, to share their experience and knowledge with students and interested groups. To give the visiting NRI's a platform to interact, workshops and seminars are organized in educational institutions and other places.

Dr. I.K. Bhattacharya, Principal of College felicitated S. Mitra Kalita with a phulam gamocha.

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