

Aaranyak is organizing the “First Dr. Ananta Borah Memorial Lecture-2019”

Guwahati 2 July: Aaranyak is happy to announce that the ‘First Dr. Ananta Borah Memorial Lecture-2019’ is going to be organized on 18<sup>th</sup> August in Bongaigaon, the last workplace of Dr. Borah. Late Dr. Borah was Life member, Head of the Division of Flora Conservation, Executive Committee member of Aaranyak, and Aaranyak has taken this venture to honour him. He used to teach Botany as Assistant Professor in Birjhora Mahavidyalaya, Bongaigaon till his death. He was deeply involved with Assam Science Society, Bongaigaon Branch as life member. He was a very good plant taxonomist of Assam, a good scientist and science writer, a poet and a good teacher. At the age of 45 years, unfortunately he died of cancer. To keep his memory alive, in honour of him, Aaranyak declares an award. This award is known as ‘**Dr. Ananta Borah Memorial Award on Plant Study**’. The Award is to encourage a person less than equal to 35 years of age from the northeast region of India to continue work for plant study in the region. This Award is also a kind of recognition of the person’s sincerity and dedication in the said field. Detail of the Award will be given later on. The recipient of the award will be announced on that day.

Renowned ecologist Prof. Parimal Chandra Bhattacharjee, Retired Professor and Head, Zoology Department, Gauhati University, Guwahati will deliver the lecture. Besides, two ‘guests of honour’– Prof. Iswar. Chandra Barua, Principal Scientist, Department of Agronomy, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat and Prof. Gajen Sarma Retired Curator, Department of Botany, Gauhati University are also invited to deliver their lecture.

In this connection a bilingual souvenir in his memory will also be published. Interested persons are requested to write article related to life and work of Dr. Borah and his association with the author. Each article should not be more than 1500 words excluding the title. The language should be either in Assamese or in English. Aaranyak requests interested person to contribute article for the souvenir on or before 15 July 2019 to [hilloljyoti.singha@gmail.com](mailto:hilloljyoti.singha@gmail.com) or [das.ashoke2016@gmail.com](mailto:das.ashoke2016@gmail.com). Hand-written article can be sent to: Dr. Ashoke Das, Department of Botany, Abhayapuri College, Abhayapuri Post Office, PIN 783384, Bongaigaon district.

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