

#RabindraLibrary, **#assamuniversity** organized a book discussion program "Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery" on August 5, 2022 with an aim to analyze the different aspects of this unique literary work. The Program was graced by the august presence of Prof. Sivaji Banyopadhyay, Director, NIT, Silchar as Chief Guest; Dr. Rouhin Deb, Chief Economist, Chief Minister's Secretariat, Govt. of Assam and Prof. Parmendra Prasad Dabral, Dean, College of Agricultural Engineering and Post-Harvest Technology, Central Agricultural University, Sikkim as Guests of Honour; Mr. Subimal Bhattacharjee, Advisor, Cyber & Technology issues as Special Guest. The program was presided over by Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Assam University, Silchar. More than 200 participants attended the program which included Faculty, students and eminent personalities from different walks of life.

The book was discussed by eminent speakers of Assam University. Prof. Nagendra Pandey, Dean, Aryabhatta School of Earth Sciences; Prof. C.R. Bhattacharjee, Dean, Albert Einstein School of Physical sciences; Prof. A. Nataraju, Professor, Department of Philosophy and Prof. Anindya S. Choudhury, Professor of Department of English and Dean, Students' Welfare discussed and highlighted the different aspects of Modi Governance as narrated by the distinguished personalities.

Prof. Pandey highlighted on the personality and governance of Hon'ble PM citing examples from Bhagavad Gita. His discussion centered on the chapter "Success of people centric approach" authored by Surjit S. Bhalla which examines the Modi phenomena while exploring the determinants of his success. Prof. Bhattacharjee focused on the topic "Demonstrating Democracy" articulated by Sadhouru. The chapter delves on the power of masses and mass movements which is expressed in different sections. Prof. Bhattachariee reflected on each of these sections and gave a brief picture of PM Modi's success story of transforming India. Prof. Nataraju's topic of discussion was Amish Tripathi's "Modi, The Bhagirath Prayaasi" which is a phrase used to describe any herculean task. He tried to highlight the spiritual and cultural aspects of India on which lies the thrust of PM Modi and his effort is to bring our culture back to the centre of our lives and consciousness. Prof. Syam Choudhury discussed on the chapter of P.V. Sindhu: "Why Modi is the undisputed youth icon" in which Sindhu guoted Modiji's motivational speech to leave behind "chalta hai" attitude and think of "badal sakta hai" and this mantra perhaps had led to many of his impossible achievements. He also discussed Dr. Devi Shetty's "Fighting the Pandemic: Leading from the front" in which Dr. Shetty made a global comparison of India's COVID 19 statistics and declared that India had fared well than many of the most developed countries.

This followed Addresses by Guest of Honour, Special Guest & Chief Guest and finally the presidential Address by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Assam University. Dr. Rouhin Deb emphasized on the different schemes and projects launched by Modi Govt. towards transforming India and introducing a new India in the global arena. Mr. Bhattacharjee and Prof. Bandyopadhyay summarized the whole book highlighting the leadership character of PM Modi which enabled him to place himself as a world leader. Prof. Bandyopadhyay also quoted the one mantra of Modiji -Reform, Perform and transform, referring him as the Messiah from India-a real statesman who not only thinks of his country but the whole world. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor in his Presidential Address summed up the different developmental projects of Modi Governance based on spiritual and cultural tradition of the country. He also delved on Modiji's focus on rural development enabling his dreams to saturation level.