

# Webinar on trends in Assamese short stories

**GUWAHATI, Nov 3:** The National Academy of Letters, Sahitya Akademi organized a webinar on trends in Assamese short stories of young writers under its Yuva Sahiti programme here on Tuesday. The webinar was hosted by Devendra Dabesh, secretary of Sahitya Akademi, Kolkata office and attended by story writer Juri Baruah,

literary critic and writer Bhaskar Jyoti Nath and poets Biva Rani Talukdar and Utpal Deka. Critic Bhaskar Jyoti delivered a speech on the emerging trends in short stories of young Assamese writers and stressed on the latest development in the art of storytelling in Assamese literature. While short story writer Juri Baruah recited her story, poets

Biva Rani Talukdar and Utpal Deka recited their poems.

Poet Utpal Deka depicted the communal divide in his poem *Sampradayik*. In his poem 'corporate men' he ponders on the challenges brought by the capitalism. Young poet Biva Rani Talukdar in her poem dwells on the intricacies in her quest for poetic

theme in 'Bhav jotani'.

Promising short story writer Juri Baruah explored the complications in human relation in the back drop of lock-down during COVID-19 pandemic in her short story *Prakton*. Literary critic Bhaskar Jyoti Nath added that socio political consciousness is the hall mark of the literary craftsmanship of Juri

Baruah. Secretary of Akademi Devendra Dabesh stated that such program of multiple literary genres can be compared to reading of vivid news item and articles in a single newspaper.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks by the secretary of the Sahitya Akademi, stated a release.