

Handique Girls' College to Confer 3rd Rajabala Das National Award on Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty



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Handique Girls' College will confer the **3rd Rajabala Das National Award** on noted author and senior journalist **Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty**, President of the Press Club of India, in recognition of her significant contributions to society and journalism. The award will be presented on **March 8, 2026**, at a special function to be held on the college campus.

On the occasion, the **Rajabala Das Memorial Annual Lecture** will be delivered by eminent journalist and thinker **Prasanta Rajguru**, Editor-in-Chief of *Prag News*.

Instituted in **2024**, the Rajabala Das National Award is conferred annually on a personality of national stature who has made outstanding contributions to society. The award includes a **citation, a specially sculpted memento, and a cash prize of ₹50,000**. It is presented each year on **March 8**, marking the birth anniversary of **late Rajabala Das**, the founding Principal of Handique Girls' College, who established the institution in **1939** with just two students and played a pioneering role in women's education in Assam.

The **first Rajabala Das National Award** was conferred on noted social worker **Monisha Behal** on March 8, 2024, with the memorial lecture delivered by journalist and author **Sanjoy Hazarika** on "*Text and Context: Women, Gender and Safe Spaces in Assam and the North East Region.*"

The **second award**, in 2025, was presented to well-known social worker **Junu Bora**, and the memorial lecture was delivered by eminent scholar and author **Professor Udayon Mishra** on "*Women Empowerment: Illusion or Reality.*"

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