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Monthly Webinar Report

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat club of **Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati** organized a Webinar for the month of July, 2020 as a part of its Monthly Online activity.

The details of the Webinar are as follows-

Webinar title – Making of Modern Brahmaputra: Nature, History and Human Imagination.

Speaker – Prof. Arupjyoti Saikia, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati

Date – 25th July, 2020

Time – 5.00 PM to 6.30 PM (IST)

Brief summary - The Webinar started from 5.00 PM (IST) followed by a brief introduction about the speaker- Prof. Arupjyoti Saikia from Dept. of HSS IIT Guwahati. The full details about the speaker can be found here <https://arupjyotisaikia.weebly.com/>

The talk started with the description of history of mighty river Brahmaputra. The Brahmaputra is called Yarlung Tsangpo in Tibet, is a trans-boundary river which flows through Tibet, India and Bangladesh. It is the ninth largest river in the world by discharge, and the 15th longest. It originated in the Mana Sarovar Lake region, near the Mount Kailash, located on the Northern side of the Himalayas in Burang County of Tibet as the Yarlung Tsangpo River, it flows along southern Tibet to break through the Himalayas in great gorges (including the Yarlung Tsangpo Grand Canyon) and into Arunachal Pradesh (India). Prof. Saikia also gave insights about its changing dimensions over the years.

The Brahmaputra has a long story to tell. Along with the historical overview, the speaker talked about the nature of the river, which has long been serving as a synonymous to the North-Eastern state of India- Assam. About human imaginations, Prof. Saikia displayed some interesting facts about the river transportation in Brahmaputra, the transformation of Boats over the years- its different kinds etc. Prof. Saikia also gave insights about the fisherman and thousands of people, whose fate, ways of livelihood depends on the Brahmaputra River of Assam.

After the one-hour talk, we moved into the Question Answer session for 30 minutes and received some very interesting questions from the participants, such as

- Climate change and its effect on the river,
- Devastating Assam floods, which happen every year.
- Government intervention and policies towards the river.

and thus, we got to know about some very important and insightful information about Brahmaputra from the speaker. This session was ended with vote of thanks from the Student Coordinator of EBSB IITG Club.

Participants – The webinar had around 75 participants, including EBSB Club members of paired institution- IIT Jodhpur, EBEB Club members of IIT Guwahati, Students, Professors, Research scholars and some alumni of the host institution. We also had participants from other colleges, universities of Assam.

The feedbacks received from the participants were really encouraging, which really encouraged us to continue the Webinar sessions for upcoming days. The EBSB Club of IIT Guwahati will forever remain grateful to its club members and the nodal officers of the institution.

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