



*Celebration of
the Hundredth Birthday
of*

**Professor Emeritus
Dr. Amaresh Datta**

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A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF Professor Emeritus Dr. Amaresh Datta

Professor Emeritus Amaresh Datta, M. A. Ph. D., D. Lit. (Hon. Assam University, Silchar). D. Lit (Hon. Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh) (b. Iswarshree, Karimganj District. Assam, 1919) is an outstanding scholar, critic and poet of our time. Identified by a panel of international academics (from Harvard, Yale and Uppsala Universities) in the 1950's, as one of the finest teachers of English literature in the country and as good as the best in their own Universities, Dr. Datta left Sagar in M. P. to join Gauhati University as Reader in English in 1960. From January 1964 to February 1980. he was Professor and Head of the Dept. of English, Gauhati University, and from March 1980 to 1984, was Professor and Head of the Dept. of English, Dibrugarh University. A celebrated Shakespeare scholar, Dr. Datta's book, *Shakespeare's Tragic Vision and Art* (1963) received the highest accolade from eminent scholars and critics like Professor G. Wilson Knight, Dr. E. M. W. Tillyard, Professor A. G. Stock and others; Wilson Knight hailing this Indian contribution to Shakespeare studies in his book *Shakespeare and Religion* (1967). Dr. Datta's collection of poems, *Captive Moments* (1952), bagged a prestigious award from the International Association of Poetry. Rome, in 1952. A number of poems from this anthology have been translated into Hindi, Marathi, Urdu and Italian. Professor Datta's knowledge of Indian literature - classical, medieval and modern - is as deep as it is wide and the first three volumes of the *Encyclopaedia of Indian Literature* (Sahitya Akademi: New Delhi. 1987, 1988, 1989) of which he was the Chief Editor, are a

monument to his scholarly zeal and initiative in this respect. Professor Datta visited the Soviet Union in 1987 as a member of the cultural delegation sponsored by the Government of India. His publications, besides articles and research papers on various topics include :

- *Captive Moments* (A collection of poems)
- *Shakespeare's Tragic Vision and Art*
- *Time's Harvest* (A collection of poems on selected episodes from the Ramayana and the Mahabharata)
- *Lotus and the Cross* (A poetic play - a trilogy)
- *Mysticism in Poetry*
- *India's Cultural Unity - Fact or Fiction*
- *Poetry. Religion and Culture and Sankar Dev*
- *Banaprastha* (A novel in Bengali)
- *Andharater Jonakira* (A collection of Bengali poems)
- *In the valley of Time and Tide* (A collection of English poems)
- *Comedy : A Rhetorical Fiction : Five Essays on Shakespeare's Comedies .*

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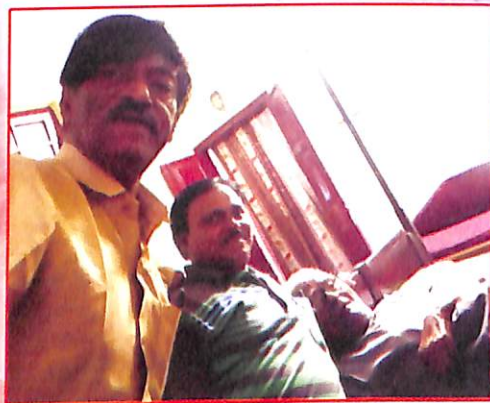


My father- A great man

I feel proud to write about my father Prof. Amaresh Datta who has always been a tremendous source to inspiration for me, even today in his 100 th years. I have always stayed with my parents all through out my life as I never had a hostel life. It is remarkable when I think that with his job, which was not very highly paid then, he managed to give best education to all his five sons and he is still very strong both mentally and physically. He has always been and still is a source of inspiration till today whenever I am sad or in confusion. I really feel proud to be his son and I got him as my father in all lifes to come. His words of hope, inspiration and innovation has inspired so many that he has fans all over the world who are regularly in touch with my father. He was the teacher of my wife Mrs. Jayalakesmi Duarah who is unfortunately no more, and also joins me along with my two children Indratann Datta and Aradhita Dutta in wishing him a long life ahead. My father had a special love for my wife whom I miss.

We all love you father and wish you all the best.

Please bless us.



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Sir,

Nearly Six months ago we came to India, specially interested in the quality of teaching of English in the country. We have gone through the lecture notes of nearly of nearly one hundred Lecturers and Professors in different Institutions.

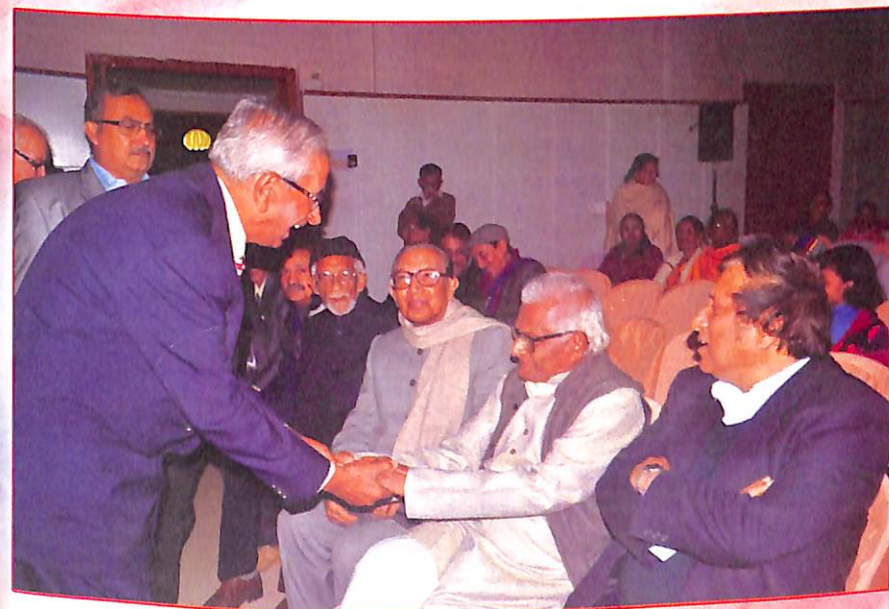
We regret to say that the average quality is disappointing, but the quality of the lectures delivered by the teachers Prof. G.V.Gokak of Dharwar University; Prof. A.R.Wadia of Bombay; Prof. S.S.L.Chordia of Morris College of Nagpur; Prof. T.N.Sen of Presidency College, Calcutta; Prof. N.Mustaphi of Chandernagore College; Prof. D.P.Verma of Kathmandu ; Prof. S.Deb of Allahabad and Prof. A.Dutta of Saugar University is as high as that of the finest we have in our Universities -

Yours etc.

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