

A WARM HOMAGE TO

# Munin Borkotoky

"Vismrita Vyatikram" or "Forgotten Exceptions" is the tiny publication which brought Munin Borkotoky public recognition and a year's annual Prakashan Parishad Award. Though tiny, the book is worth its weight in gold. It celebrates the lives of some eminent men, who have fallen into public oblivion, in a few biographical essays.



"Forgotten" is ironically the word for Munin Borkotoky's literary career; else how much do we remember his attractive short stories, written on pages of the "Awahon", which appealed to

the readers in the thirties. He abandoned writing short stories with a determination; ending in a sort of whimper. His literary career marked its culmination in a personal essay, published in the "Awahon" which was written in a highly intellectual vein.

Borkotoky worked for sometime with Madhav Bezbarua at Calcutta working on the "Banhi". He then became an officer in the publicity department of the Government of Assam and also as News Editor of the All India Radio, Guwahati. He contributed occasionally to newspapers and journals of Assam. But his outstanding contribution remains his "Vismrita Vyatikram".

In the last few years of his life he attended public meetings and sittings of Asom Sahitya Sabha and took active part in the discussions. His writings marked a beautiful Assamese style.

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