



## NILIMA DUTTA

### Leaving Her Footprints

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Nilima Dutta was born in 1925 to late Chakiram Hazarika and Malati Hazarika at Silghat, Nagoan. She passed Matriculation examination from Panbazar Girls' High School in 1941, IA in 1943 from Handique Girls' College, securing highest mark in Logic and did both B. A. and M.A. degrees from Calcutta University. She started her working life as a lecturer in Handique Girls' College in 1948 and later joined Gauhati University from where she retired as a Reader in 1985.

Dr. Nilima Dutta, besides being an academician, was a poet, novelist, writer of children books, translator, biographer and a columnist, at a stretch. Some of her novels were *Akash Banti*, *Shaila Shikhar*, *Pran Sikha*, *Vidyut Prava*, *Aparajita*, *Dhumuhar Pichat*, etc. Nilima Dutta had three collections of poetry to her credit. *Surar Chabi aru Pranar Sur*, *Shesh Nai*, *Andhakup*, *Prabhakar and Bahagar Aranya* were the titles of her anthologies of poetry. Then, for the children readers also Dutta authored books titled *Mahapurush Sankardeva*, *Moi aru Ami*, *Mahat Lokar*

*Larali Kaal* and *Shisu aru Suna Katha*. She translated Will Durant's *Story of Philosophy* and S. Radhakrishnan's *Kalki*. While she wrote a biography on the life of her husband Bhabnrandu Dutta, her autobiographical work was titled *Luitare Pani Jabi O' Boi*. Dr Nilima Dutta was a prolific writer but she liked to remain silent about her work and achievement. She left for her heavenly abode in 2002. ☐☐