







The Mariani College observed "Chatra Divas" on the Occasion of birth anniversary of Badofa Upendranath Brahma. The working day was started with the offering of tribute to that Veteran Student Leader, Social Activist and the former President of All Bodo Students Union. The Principal, teaching and non-teaching faculties and the students offered homage to that great personality.

On that Occasion, a talk was organized by Department of History in association with I.Q.A.C., Mariani College on "Upendra Nath Brahma and Contemporary Student Movement in Assam". Dr. Horen Goowalla, Principal, Mariani College, in his inaugural speech said that it was a great step taken by the Assam government to observe the day as "Chatra Divas" for the first time in the history of the state. He described in brief the contribution of Upendranath Brahma as a student leader as well as social activist.

Shri Dhrubajyoti Neog, Associate Professor, Department of History, Mariani College delivered the talk on "Upendra Nath Brahma and Contemporary Student Movement in Assam." He described in detail how Upendra Nath Brahma (1956-1990) started his journey from a very humble origin and proved himself a granted leader of his time. As a student he was meritorious and courageous. After completing education from Gauhati University, Brahma started his career as a teacher. In 1984, he joined as an Income Tax Inspector. He was elected as President of All Bodo Students Union in 1986. He strongly asserted the rights of the Bodo Community whom he felt deprived of. Under his leadership, the non-violent Bodoland Movement was started demanding a separate state for the Bodo people. He lived only for 33 years and within this short span he contributed to raise the voice of the Bodo community in regional and national level.