

**THE AMERICAN SOCIETY AS IT IS REFLECTED IN BIRINCHI KUMAR BARUAH'S  
PROFESSOR BARUAHR SITHI**

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**Abstract:**

Birinchi Kumar Baruah is a highly reputed and socially conscious writer of the Assamese literary world. In all his literary works the social image is smoothly reflected. In this regard his travelogue *Professor Baruah Sithi* is not different in nature. In the book the author has attractively presented his experience received during his visit to America. In 1963 Indiana University of USA invited Birinchi Kumar Baruah, the HoD of the department of MIL, Gauhati University as a temporary professor in the department of Folklore. Accepting the invitation he went abroad and presented before the readers his travelling experience illuminating through literature published in the form of articles and travelogues. Later on those articles were published in book form entitled 'Professor Baruah Sithi' (1968). In this book Baruah has delineated minutely the academic milieu of America specially the education system of Indiana University as well as the lifestyle, social life, ideologies, nature and habits of the people that have come into close contact with the author during his stay. Besides these in some context he has compared Assam and The Gauhati University where he served as professor and expressed several questions that have appeared in his mind openly comparing both the places. In this research paper how Birinchi Kumar Baruah has presented the American Society through the book 'Professor Baruah Sithi' will be discussed in detail.

Key words: America, travelling, society, reality

**Introduction:**

Of all the genres of literature, travelogue is one of the most interesting genres with its real life information. Because in a travelogue the writer writes with his real life experience and that represents the society of a place or a country. The author presents his raw personal experiences making that interesting and meaningful with the use of literary terminologies. In this book 'Professor Baruah Sithi' professor Baruah has presented his experience during his stay in America in such a flawless and entertaining way that the book has occupied a prestigious position in the society of intellectual readers. Travelling may be the passion for a lot of people but to travel abroad is not viable for each and everyone. For economic or some other personal reasons in some cases human beings keep an immense desire to visit a place or to know the social, economic and cultural and other aspects of such places. Travelogue is such a literary genre that satisfies this desire. In this regard, reading the book 'Professor Baruah Sithi' has great significance to know the social life of the people of a developed country like America.

**Objectives of study:**