

## **Dr. B. K. Barua College Award, 2018**

### **Dr. B.K.B. College, Puranigudam**

Dr. Birinchi Kumar Barua College Award instituted in 2016 has been a part of our institutional best practice and the highest academic honour offered by the college. Though it was intended to be a continuous annual practice a decision was adopted in 2018 with procedural amendment to make the conferring of the award a biennial activity together with the biennial Dr. B. K. Barua memorial lecture. The rationale behind this award giving practice is to shoulder a social responsibility towards promotion of creative inspiration for those working in the field of socio-cultural and historical studies, inculcation of values through fine arts and folk culture.. Initially the central focus of the award was on the unsung heroes, authors and artists who have not been recognized by the academics in an attempt to evaluate and honour their contributions. A good number of such unrecognized creative minds have been engaged in such literary cultural and historical practices that deserve attention. In the year 2021 the selection committee decided to shift the focus from the conventional areas to the issues of environmental crises and conservation of nature.

The College award merits its importance not for its content but for its keeping alive the memory of Dr. B. K. Barua and the objectives set for promotion of arts and craft far beyond the canon. The award carries a cash of 20,000, a citation, pieces of traditional attire and a collection of books.

#### **The Recipient of the third Dr. B. K. Barua College award in 2018:**

Mr. Sushil Bora was the 3<sup>rd</sup> recipient of the Dr. B. K. Barua College award in 2018 which was presented to him in a function by Mr. Mayur Bora, a noted public intellectual and author. Mr. Bora's domain is the practice of regional history where he had been engaged for long time and substantially contributed to finding out the local resonance and hidden dimensions of history. Mr. Das had received a senior fellowship from the Cultural Department of the Central Govt. to do research on the Independence Movement of India in the undivided Nagaon district of Assam. Some of his major works of Mr. Das include *Swadhinata Sangramot Brihattar Hatichung*, *Sonai Parar Sabhuota*, *Kalongar Pare pare*

The selection committee of the award decided to bring such silent academicians and authors to light for wider public attention.



