## Dr. Birinchi Kumar Barua Memorial Lecture, 2017

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

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

The series of memorial lectures organized at Dr. B. K. B. College since 2006 constitute one of the core areas of academic activities which have widely impacted the prevailing notions of culture, literature, performing arts and historical perspectives in Assam. With participation of some of the leading academicians, litterateurs and research scholars, each time with a fresh area for deliberation, the lecture series have introduced some fresh ideas and insight into the emerging areas of humanities besides evaluating the immense contributions of Dr. B. K. Barua. Dr. Birinchi Kumar Barua stands among the pioneers of Assamese intelligentsia and litterateurs who had created the most vibrant space for flourishing Assamese identity with its distinct regional features in a pan Indian context. We have been able to introduce our academic fraternity, especially the students' community to the most dynamic minds of our time through this annual and biennial engagement.

26<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 – on the closing ceremony of the year long Golden Jubilee celebration of Dr. B. K. B College several luminaries of the state attended the function and Mr. Ajit Bhuyan, a social activist and senior Journalist among others delivered the memorial lecture on the Burning Issues of Assam: Insurgency and the Role of Legal and Civil societies. Prof Gayatri Bhattacharya, Mr. Pranab Swaroop Neog also participated in an interaction with the resource person. Mr. Murulidhar Das was offered the Dr. Birinchi Kumar Barua Award for the second term considering his immense contribution to folk culture particularly of the Karbi Community through painstaking field studies. He had provided substantial field inputs to the engaging researchers in the field.

















