

## Dr. Birinchi Kumar Barua Memorial Lecture, 2021

Dr. B.K.B. College, Puranigudam

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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.

**22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2021** – the 8<sup>th</sup> biennial Dr. Birinchi Kumar Barua memorial lecture was delivered by Mr. Soumyadeep Datta, the noted environmentalist of national and international repute and a prolific author of nature writing and Buddhist culture. Mr. Datta has been involved for decades in conservation of wildlife and biodiversity particularly in the North East region. To his credit Mr. Datta has been successful in creating habitat for some endangered species besides writing more than fifty books on nature. He spoke on **Needs of Biodiversity and its impact on the Assamese life** in the course of his speech he explained the basic concept and philosophy of biodiversity and regretted that the growth of industrialization and rampant consumerism has been a constant threat to the natural balance without which the very existence of man and other creatures would exterminate in near future. Mr. Soumyadeep Datta was the recipient of the Dr. B. K. B. College award for the fourth time.





