



## OBSERVANCE OF DAY AGAINST SUPERSTITIOUS BELIEFS

Organised by  
IQAC & Women's Study Centre, Dudhnoi College  
In collaboration with  
Assam Science Society, Dudhnoi Branch

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

Venue: Conference Hall, Dudhnoi College

The "*Day Against Superstitious Beliefs*" was observed on 13th May, 2025 at the Conference Hall of Dudhnoi College. The programme was jointly organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Women's Study Centre of Dudhnoi College in collaboration with the Assam Science Society, Dudhnoi Branch. The day was celebrated in loving memory of Padma Shri **Birubala Rabha**, an iconic figure who dedicated her life to fighting against witch-hunting and various superstitions prevalent in society. The event also marked the first death anniversary of Birubala Rabha, who passed away on 13th May, 2024. The programme commenced with welcome address delivered by Mr. Deba Kumar Sarma, Vice Principal of Dudhnoi College. In his speech, he highlighted the significance of observing such a day to honour the legacy of Birubala Rabha and to instill rational thinking in society. Two distinguished speakers were invited to grace the occasion. The first was Mr. Bishnu Prasad Rabha, son of Birubala Rabha and President of Mission Birubala. He spoke movingly about his mother's relentless fight against social evils such as witch-hunting and her unwavering commitment to human rights. The second speaker, Mrs. Helen Rabha Basumatary, Assistant Secretary of Mission Birubala, elaborated on the ongoing initiatives of the organisation to carry forward Birubala Rabha's mission. She stressed the need for continued grassroots activism and community engagement to eradicate harmful beliefs. The event was anchored by Ms. Bondita Borbora, Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science. Several faculty members also shared their thoughts on the life and contributions of Birubala Rabha. Dr. Abul Hussain, retired Associate Professor of Chemistry, reflected on the rationalist approach that guided Birubala Rabha's activism. Mr. Raja Ram Rabha, Head of the Department of Assamese, and Dr. Manash Lochan Das, Head of the Department of Chemistry, also spoke, urging students and the public to challenge superstitions through education and scientific temper. Leaflets about some important clauses of Assam Witch Haunting (Prohibition, Prevention and Protection) Act, 2015 were also distributed among students. The observance served as a powerful reminder of the dangers posed by superstitious beliefs and the importance of continuing the fight initiated by brave individuals like Birubala Rabha.



