

## **LIVE INTERACTIVE PROGRAMME ON SUPERSTITION AND THEIR SOCIAL EFFECTS WITH DR. BIRUBALA RABHA**



A live discussion on a very serious social issue like “Superstition and their social effects” was held at Satellite Hub of SIPRD, Assam at Kahikuchi on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. The main attraction of the programme was Dr. Birubala Rabha who pioneered a radical social movement against Witch Hunting practices in Assam. Dr. Polly Vauqueline of Women’s Studies Department, Gauhati University also attended the programme which was anchored by Mr. Shiva Prasad Bora, Faculty member, SIPRD, Assam.

Dr. Birubala Rabha shared her experience about her life and sufferings and how she was victimised by a section of illiterate people as their minds were engulfed by superstitions. Dr. Polly Vauqueline also explained various cause and factors of such menace in the rural environment. About 350 participants from various ETCs of SIPRD took part in the discussion. The Programme was coordinated by Sri Anupam Dutta with proactive guidance from Sri K. Pegu, Director, SIPRD, Assam.