**International Seminar** 

# Kokborok as a look out of Literature & Linguistics

(29-30 October, 2024)





Organized by **Department of Kokborok**Government Degree College Khumulwng

In collaboration with **TTAADC**, **Khumulwng**, **West Tripura** 

#### ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The primary objective of this seminar is to outline the potential outlook in the study of literature and linguistics in Kokborok. Although literature and linguistics are often viewed as separate disciplines, they share a deep connection, with language as their primary medium. Literature emphasizes on the creative and expressive use of language, while linguistics studies its structure, function, and evolution. Both fields complement each other in understanding human communication and creative thinking.

Kokborok, a language spoken in the northeastern Indian state of Tripura, belongs to the Tibeto-Burman linguistic family under Bodo-Garo group and has over 1 million speakers. Promoting both literature and linguistics in the disciplinary research on Kokborok will enrich its content, including poems, short stories, novels, dramas, literary essays, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics, historical linguistics, sociolinguistics etc. providing valuable information into the workings of human expression. This proposal examines Kokborok as a perspective for both literature and linguistics, highlighting its significance, features, and its contributions in the field of language and literature.

Originally unpublished papers are invited from any of the following topics, although not limited to these areas.

## LITERATURE

- 1. Evolution of Kokborok literature
- 2. Gender and identity in Kokborok literature
- 3. Language politics and Kokborok literary movements
- 4. The influence of Christianity on Kokborok literature
- 5. Modern trends in Kokborok poetry
- 6. Comparative study on Kokborok and other indigenous literatures of India and abroad
- 7. Kokborok drama: Its past and present
- 8. Kokborok folklore and old traditions
- 9. Kokborok novels
- 10. Kokborok short stories
- 11. Kokborok literary essays
- 12. Kokborok as a literary theory and criticism

## LINGUISTICS

- 13. Phonetics and phonology
- 14. Morphology
- 15. Syntax
- 16. Semantics
- 17. Sociolinguistics
- 18. Language and dialect
- 19. Historical linguistics
- 20. Language documentation
- 21. Kokborok language teaching

#### ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Government Degree College, Khumulwng was established in 2007, registered under 2f & 12B of UGC Act 1956 and functioning under the Department of Higher Education, Government of Tripura. It is located in the TTAADC headquarters under Jirania sub-division, West Tripura. The college has been shifted from its old campus to the new academic campus in November 2019. Presently, it offers B.A Honours, elective subjects and foundation courses. Now the college is included under NEP 2020 course.

## ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Kokborok was established in 2011 with the introduction of foundation and certificate courses. Kokborok was introduced as an elective subject in 2012 and now it is offered both major and minor interdisciplinary subjects as well as under NEP 2020. It belongs to the Sino-Tibetan language family, under the Tibeto-Burman branch of the Bodo-Garo group. Kokborok is primarily spoken in the northeastern Indian state of Tripura and has been an officially recognized language of Tripura since January 19, 1979.

#### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- 1. The paper should be original and unpublished.
- 2. The abstract should be within 150-300 words including at least 3 keywords with APA 7<sup>th</sup> Edition referencing style.
- 3. The submission should be both in PDF and MS word formats, using Times New Roman font, size 12 with 1.15 line spacing.
- 4. The languages of the abstracts are welcome in English and Kokborok only.
- 5. Submit at inskokborok@gmail.com
- 6. Abstract submission last date: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024
- 7. The list of organizing committee and other details will be notified later.
- 8. Full paper submission last date: 20<sup>th</sup>
  November 2024
- 9. Paper will be publish with ISBN number

## **PAYMENT CATEGORY**

Paper presenters (single author) Rs. 800/- (Faculty/academicians/scholars)

**Paper presenters (with co-author) Rs. 1200/**-(Faculty/academicians/others)

**Paper presenters (single author) Rs. 600/-** (*Students*)

**Paper presenters (with co-author) Rs. 1000/-** (Students)

Seminar participants (For all)

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#### INVITED SPEAKERS



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