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# Report on Two Days International Seminar on "KOKBOROK AS A LOOK OUT OF LITERATURE & LINGUISTICS"

The Department of Kokborok, Government Degree College, Khumulwng, in collaboration with the TTAADC Education & Kokborok Department, organized a Two-Day International Seminar on "KOKBOROK AS A LOOK OUT OF LITERATURE & LINGUISTICS" on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The seminar aimed to explore the linguistic and literary significance of Kokborok, a language spoken in the Indian state of Tripura.

## Keynote Address and Inaugural Session

The convener of the seminar Shri Rabindra Debbarma, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Kokborok, Government Degree College, Khumulwng, welcomed all the dignitaries and participants for the two days international seminar. He emphasized on how the seminar could serve as a platform for discussing its growth and development.









Dr. Biman Debbarma, Linguistic Officer, Tripura University, delivered the keynote address, offering insights into the linguistic aspects of Kokborok and its place within the broader context of Tibeto-Burman languages. His address highlighted the significant strides in Kokborok's academic and literary fields, advocating for the preservation and development of the language.

The event was graced by prominent dignitaries, including:

- Chief Guest: Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Tripura University (A Central University)
- Inaugurator: Shri Purna Chandra Jamatia, Hon'ble Chief Executive Member (CEM), TTAADC
- Special Guest: Shri Rabindra Debbarma, Hon'ble Executive Member (EM), Education & Kokborok, TTAADC
- Guest of Honor: Shri Animesh Debbarma, Director, Department of Higher Education, Government of Tripura
- International Invited Speaker: Dr. Kellen Parker Van Dam, Assistant Professor, University of Passau, Germany.

These distinguished guests were felicitated during the inaugural session, where they expressed their support for the seminar and its focus on Kokborok.

#### **Academic Presentations**



The seminar attracted renowned experts in linguistics and literature, including professors, Ph.D. scholars, researchers, and students from various higher educational institutions. The participants presented papers exploring various aspects of Kokborok, from its linguistic structure to its role in literature, culture, and identity. These presentations facilitated rich discussions and brought forward the importance of Kokborok in both academic and social contexts.





#### **Technical Sessions**

The seminar featured eight technical sessions, each chaired by an expert from the different fields. Paper presenters were allotted 10 minutes per presentation. The sessions covered a broad spectrum of topics related to Kokborok linguistics and literature.

These sessions offered an immersive academic experience, allowing participants to engage with the themes presented and contribute to the ongoing development of Kokborok as both a language and a medium of literature.

### Valedictory Session

The seminar concluded with the valedictory session and certificate distribution. Shri Pradip Debbarma, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of History, Government Degree College, Khumulwng, extended a warm welcome to the gathering. The session was graced by:

- Chief Guest: George N. Debbarma, Principal Officer, Education, TTAADC
- Guest of Honor: Mrs. Khumtiya Debbarma, Assistant Professor, Department of Kokborok, Tripura University (Central)









In his valedictory address, George N. Debbarma praised the organizers for choosing a relevant and contemporary theme for the seminar. He emphasized the importance of studying Kokborok's linguistic and literary aspects in fostering the language's growth and recognition. He also highlighted the role of such academic events in preserving the cultural heritage of Tripura.

Shri Rabindra Debbarma, the convenor of the seminar, expressed his gratitude to the participants, speakers, and organizers. He thanked everyone for contributing to the seminar's success and creating a stimulating academic environment for two days of in-depth discussions and interactions.

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