

CONCEPT NOTES

Kokborok, the native language of the Borok people of Tripura, embodies a vast heritage of cultural memory, oral traditions, folklore, literature, and collective identity.

Kokborok, the indigenous language of the Borok people of Tripura, represents a rich repository of cultural memory, oral traditions, folklore, literature, and identity. Over centuries, Kokborok has evolved from a primarily oral tradition into a developing literary language with growing academic recognition. The language reflects the history, worldview, customs, and socio-cultural practices of the indigenous communities of Tripura.

In recent decades, conscious efforts have been made by scholars, writers, cultural activists, and institutions to preserve, promote, and standardize Kokborok language and literature. The introduction of Kokborok in school education, the publication of literary works,

The increasing participation of young writer researchers have significantly contributed development.

However, the language and its associated cultural heritage still face several challenge such as limited documentation of oral traditions, insufficient research, debates over script usage, declining use among younger generations in urban spaces, and the impact of globalization. These challenges call for sustained dialogue, scholarly engagement, and collaborative initiatives.

In this context, organizing a One Day State Level Seminar on "Evolution & Prospects of Kokborok Language, Literature & Cultural Heritage in Tripura" will provide a meaningful academic platform for scholars, researchers, writers, students, policymakers, and cultural practitioners to deliberate on the historical development, contemporary challenges, and future prospects of Kokborok languages.



ONE DAY STATE LEVEL SEMINAR ON "EVOLUTION & PROSPECTS OF KOKBOROK LANGUAGE, LITERATURE & CULTURE HERITAGE OF TRIPURA"

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KEY SPEAKERS



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About the College

Ramkrishna Mahavidyalaya, established on 1st September 1950, is the second-oldest college in Tripura. Founded by Brahmachari Tapas Chaitanya Maharaj, the institution was inspired by the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa and Swami Vivekananda to promote value-based education. Initially, classes were conducted in temporary sheds at the Sri Ramakrishna Ashram due to a lack of infrastructure, with strong support from the local community. Dr. Sachchidananda Dhar was the first principal. The college began with Arts subjects and later expanded to include Science and Commerce streams. It was taken over by the Government in 1982 and received UGC recognition in 1989. Affiliated with Calcutta University until 1987, it has since been under Tripura University. Today, the college offers B.A., B.Com., and B.Sc. courses in various subjects, along with distance education facilities under Tripura University and IGNOU. It also emphasizes extracurricular activities, NCC, NSS, sports, and cultural programs for the overall development of students.



Objectives of the Seminar

- To trace the historical evolution of Kokborok language and literature in Tripura.
- To explore the rich cultural heritage, oral traditions, and folklore embedded in Kokborok society.
- To examine the current status, challenges, and policy initiatives for the promotion of Kokborok language.
- To encourage research, documentation, and literary production in Kokborok.
- To discuss the future prospects of Kokborok in education, media, and digital platforms.
- To create awareness among students and the younger generation about the importance of preserving indigenous languages and cultures.

Major Themes / Sub-Themes

- Papers are invited on, but not limited to, the following themes:
- Historical development of Kokborok language
- Kokborok oral traditions, folklore, and indigenous knowledge
- Growth of Kokborok literature: poetry, fiction, drama, and modern writings
- Language standardization and script debate
- Kokborok in education and curriculum development
- Role of media, digital platforms, and technology in promoting Kokborok
- Translation and documentation of Kokborok literature
- Cultural heritage of the Borok communities
- Preservation of indigenous languages in the era of globalization
- Contemporary Kokborok writers and literary movements
- Youth engagement and future prospects of Kokborok language

Who can participate?

- Academicians and language scholars
- Researchers and students
- Writers, poets, and translators
- Cultural activists and community leaders
- Representatives from educational institutions
- Government officials and policymakers
- NGOs and organizations working in language and culture

How to Reach



The nearest airport to Ramkrishna Mahavidyalaya is Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport, located in Agartala. Agartala is well connected by regular flights to major Indian cities such as Kolkata, Guwahati, and Delhi. After reaching the airport, visitors can continue their journey to Kailashahar by road or rail.



The nearest railway station to the college is Kumarghat Railway Station, located approximately 20–25 km from Kailashahar. Regular trains are available from Agartala Railway Station to Kumarghat. Upon arrival, Participants can easily access Kailashahar by local buses, auto-rickshaws, or hired vehicles.



Kailashahar is well connected to Agartala by a network of roads, primarily via National Highway 8. Regular bus services (both government and private), as well as taxis and shared vehicles, operate between Agartala and Kailashahar.