# Report on One-Day International Seminar On "Language diversity and International Mother Language Day" 23rd February, 2019

A one-day international seminar on "Language diversity and International Mother Language Day" was organized by the department of Bengali at Mathabhanga College on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 Cooch Behar, West Bengal. Dr. Debkumar Mukhopadhyay, Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, Cooch Behar, India, welcomes the participants and introduced the seminar to all. In his speech he respected all languages and shared his personal experience regarding language diversity. He mentioned the importance of French language in Europe and tried to express his positive attitude to the mother language. He thanked the organizing committee of Mathabhanga college to present such type of International seminar. He said, 'it is well organized seminar and I am proud of Mathabhanga college'. Inaugural song was presented by the students of Bengali department. Inaugural speech was delivered by Dr. Guru Charan Das, Teacher-in -Charge, Mathabhanga College. He explained the importance of mother language and importance of seminar in a college. Key note address was given by Dr. Dipak Kr.Roy, Raiganj University, Uttar Dinajpur. Number of speakers came from different part of West Bengal , Assam and Bangladesh. Md. Abu Shahadat Rubel, Uttar Bangla Viswavidyalaya College, Bangladesh Dr. Rama Das, Department of Bengali, Gauhati University are a few among them. Sri Shekhar Sarkar, convener of the seminar, conducted the program very efficiently.

Dr. Amit Kundu, Convener, IQAC, delivered valedictory address. In the valedictory session he thanked the organizing committee. In his speech he mentioned that the audience had been exceptional because without a disciplined and extremely engaged audience a seminar could not be successful. He said that the selected papers subject to the adherence of review process will be considered for Book publication as a Book (ISBN number) chapter. After the valedictory session certificates were distributed among the participants and paper presenter.

IQAC: Dr. Amit Kundu (Convener)



































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## International Seminar On

"Language diversity and International Mother Language Day"

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#### About The College:

Mathabhanga College, a promising educational institute for undergraduate studies, is situated about 1.5 Km away on the SH 12A to the west of Mathabhanga town. It was established on 1st of September, 1969. This permanently College is affiliated to the Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University and included under section 2 (F) and 12 (B) of the University Grants Commission Act Mathabhanga College is managed by a Governing Body (West Bengal Act XXVII of 1961) under the control of the D. P. I., West Bengal. Mathabhanga College possesses 10.78 acres of land. It has one twostoreyed building, two onestoreyed buildings, a rich Library, a Book Bank, a Boys' Hostel, a play ground & a pond.

#### **Registration Fee:**

Faculty: Rs. 600/-Home Faculty: 500/-Scholar: Rs. 400/-

#### Call for papers:

Department of Bengali invites original and unpublished research papers from academicians, research scholars and students for presentation on the theme.

On November 17, 1999, UNESCO declared 21 February as International Mother language Day for our unique sacrifice for mother language. There is no nation in the world who fought and sacrificed their life for their mother tongue. It is an honor given by the international community on Language Movement of Bangladesh.

#### About the Department:

Bengali department was established on 1st September, 1969 with academic, administrative autonomy. It offers under graduate level course. The department has been observing 'International Mother Language Day' since the establishment of the department.

Abstract/full paper should be send by 21st February, 2019.

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## INTRODUCTION

Language movement is а historical part of Bangladesh. In 1947 India and Pakistan gained independence from Great Britain. Two new state born in the world map. Pakistan was decided Urdu will be their state language. One thing is mentionable here that Pakistan had two part, One is East Pakistan (present Bangladesh) and other is West Pakistan (Present Pakistan).All the people of East Pakistan were Bengali speaking. Mother tongue is divine gift. But it was an irony of fate that the rulers of Pakistan tried to impose Urdu as mother tongue instead of Bangla.

### PROGRAM

09:15 Registration
10:00 Inauguration
10.45 A.M. Tea Break
11.00 A.M. Plenary Session
1.00 P.M. Lunch
02.00 P.M. Plenary Session
03.45 A.M. Tea Break
04.00 P.M. Panel Discussion
05.00 P.M.
to 5.15 P.M. Valedictory Session

Communication phone numbers:

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## REGISTRATION

Name: Institution: Address: City: Postal Code: Telephone: Email:

Cost: Registration includes tea, lunch, certificates and proceedings \_

Papers selected for formal presentation in the seminar, 2019 will be considered for publication subject to the adherence of review process. The selected papers will be considered for Book publication as a Book (ISBN number )chapter.

Dated: 23rd February,2019