

The Analysis of Some Kokborok Proverbs for Understanding its Cultural Issues and Aspects

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ABSTRACT

The Kokborok language is the native language of the indigenous people living in the state of Tripura, India for immemorial years. The language along with their population and age-old culture has been an area of investigation due to its unique linguistic aspects and properties. The language is enriched with many proverbial expressions. These are the gems of wisdom of the language. They contain great philosophical truth in the most significant way about the tribal life and culture of the language community in the Tripura state. These proverbs are endangered, as their speakers are gradually inclined to other languages. Since the older generation of speakers fails to extend this legacy to the speakers of the new generation, these proverbs are considered as ‘endangered’. In this paper, we have made attempt to collect and analyze some of the Kokborok proverbs to reflect on the richness of tribal language, culture, knowledge, history, heritage, tradition, and routine customs of the language community.

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