

Kamalghat, November 6:

“Our Orality, traditional folk culture and rich history are literally struggling for existence under the aggressive adaptation of western culture, extraneous interference and inclination to face book-Instagram-Whats App and we have to resist such aggression with all out efforts.” A two-day National seminar on “Negotiating Issues of Orality, Folk & History in the 21st Century” vowed at ICFAI University-Tripura.

The seminar virtually advocated for protecting the rich History, Orality and Folk Culture of people at any cost and thrashing the clutches of extraneous aggression. The former Vice Chancellor of Gour Banga University Dr. Achinta Biswas was categorical in mentioning that young generation was busier with face book, instagram and Whats App instead of giving any efforts to share local language and culture. This generation is eager to see comics, advertisements and remarks of celebrity singer or dancer but it has no time to see the news of national importance.

Dr. Ashes Gupta of Tripura University was very critical in saying “our rich Orality and folk culture are all set to disappear due to extraneous interference.” Dr. Sachin Khetkar of Maharaja Sayajirao University and Dr. S K Singh of North East Hill University also spoke on same line and laid emphasis on united efforts to protect the rich culture of different linguistic groups of the Country. Dr. Singh also gave important reference to rich cultural history of North Easter States and urged upon the authority of ICFAI University Tripura to open a Linguistic Cell in the University.

The two-day seminar begun on Monday amid a simple inaugural ceremony followed by technical sessions and paper presentation. Dr. Achinta Biswas, who is considered as linguistic stalwart of the country, formally inaugurated the seminar which was presided over by Prof. Biplab Halder, the Pro Vice Chancellor of ICFAI University Tripura. Its worth mentioning that Sahitya Academy and Indian Council for Social Science & Research (ICSSR) have extended full support for successful conduct and completion of the seminar.

Besides 53 research papers submitted by delegates of prestigious higher educational institutions like JNU, Calcutta University, Vishwa Bharati University, Ambedkar University and Maharaja Sawajirao University of Baroda, the seminar reached to a new height with Tithi Debbarman, Bijali Chakraborty and students of ICFAI University Tripura showcasing rich cultural and folk items of North Eastern States.