

INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON "NEW EDUCATION POLICY OF INDIA AND MOTHER TONGUE"

Organized by Indian Ethno Library Society in collaboration with Assam College Librarian Association and Dr. Banikanta Kakati Library, Bilasipara College

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It is with great honor that we present the report on the International Webinar titled "New Education Policy of India and Mother Tongue," organized in memory of the renowned academician, journalist, and writer, Late Prafulla Rajguru. This webinar was jointly organized by the Indian Ethno Library Society, Assam College Librarian Association, and Dr. Banikanta Kakati Library, Bilasipara College. The webinar aimed to explore the significance of the New Education Policy (NEP) of India in the context of the Mother Tongue and its impact on modern Indian languages, local dialects, literature, and education.

INAUGURATION

The webinar was inaugurated by Lakhikanta Mahanta, Chief Patron of the Indian Ethno Library Society and Satradhikar of Madhupur Satra, West Bengal. His address emphasized the importance of preserving local languages in education and acknowledged the contributions of Late Prafulla Rajguru in the field of literature and journalism.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS & RESOURCE PERSONS

1. **Dr. Biju Thapaliya** - Dean, Purbanchal University, Birat Nagar, Nepal (Resource Person)
2. **Rathindra Nath Goswami** - Renowned Writer and General Manager, ONGC, India (Resource Person)
3. **Mr. Jitendra Nath Pradhani** - President, Assam Satra Mahasabha (Guest of Honour)
4. **Stimanta Madhab Bora** - President, Assam College Librarians Association
5. **Dr. Prasanta Kumar Deka** - Secretary, Assam College Librarians Association
6. **Dr. Hari Charan Das** - Convenor, Indian Ethno Library Society, Librarian, Bilasipara College
7. **Sri Madhava Deva Mahanta** - Organizing Secretary, Indian Ethno Library Society

WEBINAR THEME & DISCUSSIONS

The webinar focused on the New Education Policy (NEP) of India, which was announced on 29th July 2020. A key aspect of the policy is the emphasis on Mother Tongue, especially in primary education, as a measure to conserve Modern Indian Languages, Local Languages, and Tribal Languages of India. Language plays a crucial role in shaping national identity and preserving cultural heritage.

SUB-TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Modern Indian Language as Medium of Education** – The role of native languages in improving comprehension and cognitive development.
2. **Relation of English Education and Modern Tongue Language** – Balancing global language needs with local linguistic preservation.

Convenor
Havri Charan Das.