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REPORT OF THE SEMINAR IN OCCASION OF OBSERVATION OF INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY



Date: 21.02.2019, Time: 11a.m

Venue: Seminar Hall

Total Participants: 57

Inaugurated by : : Dr. Subhash Biswas, Principal, BHK Mahavidyalaya

Resource Person: Dr. Subhashish Chatterjee., HOD Dept . of Bengalui, Kalinagar Mahavidyalaya

Activity Report

The seminar on the occasion of International Mother Language Day was held on 21st February 2019 at the seminar hall of BHK Mahavidyalaya. The seminar was inaugurated by the Principal, Dr. Subhash Biswas, who delivered the opening remarks and welcomed the participants. The seminar was attended by a total of 57 participants, including students, teachers, and scholars.

The resource person for the seminar was Dr. Subhashish Chatterjee, HOD of the Department of Bengali at Kalinagar Mahavidyalaya. Dr. Chatterjee is an expert in linguistics and has published several research papers on the subject. He delivered a thought-provoking lecture on the importance of mother languages and the need to preserve them.

Dr. Chatterjee began his lecture by highlighting the significance of International Mother Language Day and its history. He explained how the day originated from the Language Movement in Bangladesh, where students and activists protested against the imposition of Urdu as the sole official language of East Pakistan. The protest culminated in the tragic events of 21st February 1952, where several students were killed by the police while protesting peacefully for the recognition of their mother tongue, Bengali.

Dr. Chatterjee then delved into the importance of mother languages and their role in shaping the identity and culture of a community. He emphasized that mother languages are not just a means of communication but also a carrier of cultural heritage, traditions, and values. He pointed out that when a language dies, a whole world of knowledge and wisdom also dies with it.

The resource person then talked about the challenges faced by mother languages and the need to preserve them. He highlighted how globalization and the dominance of English have led to the erosion of local languages and cultures. He also stressed the importance of mother language education and its role in promoting multilingualism and cultural diversity.

The lecture was followed by a lively discussion session, where the participants shared their views and experiences on the topic. Some participants expressed concern about the declining use of their mother languages among the younger generation and the need to promote its use in daily life. Others talked about the challenges faced by non-native speakers in learning a new language and the need for more resources and support in language education.

In conclusion, the seminar on International Mother Language Day was a thought-provoking and insightful event that highlighted the importance of mother languages and their role in shaping our identity and culture. The resource person, Dr. Subhashish Chatterjee, delivered an excellent lecture that sparked a lively discussion among the participants. The seminar was a timely reminder of the need to preserve and promote mother languages, especially in the face of globalization and the dominance of English. Annexure 1: Programme Notice

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