

# DEPTT. OF ENGLISH: B. S. COLLEGE, NUAHAT.

## Report on Seminar held on 09.03.2022

9<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 is a significant day for the Department of English when it, in course of its academic pursuit of knowledge, organised a seminar in the college Conference Hall on a course-related topic "Search for identity in the writings of Kiran Desai".

Prof. Bijaya Kumar Rout from the Department of English, M.H.D Mahavidyalay, Chhatia, critic and writer, graced this occasion as the Chief Speaker-cum-Resource Person whereas Prof Pabitra Mohan Mahala H.O.D Economics of the college was the Chief Guest. Prof. Dr Ambika Tripathy, Head of the Department of English, presided over the seminar.

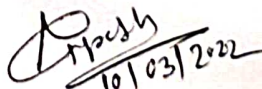
After performance of a devotional opening song at 11am, the guests lighted the candles of wisdom and took their seats.

Dr Ambika Tripathy, H.O.D of English, introduced the guests citing their academic career and creative skills. Prof P.M Mahala, Chief Guest in his motivational address, emphasized on quality teaching and learning, a Renaissance thrust for knowledge and inquisitiveness that leads to success. Departmental Head Prof Dr Ambika Tripathy introduced the topic by highlighting the main Identity crises notes in Kiran Desai's Novel: "In Heritage of Loss" and discuss about the different angles for adjudging it as of mimic of our time. Sri Upendra Kuamar nayak, a student of +3 2<sup>nd</sup> year Hons, presented a modest paper on the topic. After few interactions, Prof. Bijay Kumar Rout threw a deep insight into the topic; discussed about multi culturalism; cross cultural and cross class uinderstanding, globalisation and immigrant experience in the novel. In an impressively intellectual manner, he elaborated Desai's ideas about the individuals relation became a site for context of assertion of identity and power . The plot potrays love longings and losses; cleverly satisfying his contemporary critics about its aptness of identity cricis.

The seminar continued with responses from the students and some lively discussions. Then it was followed by refreshment. At the end, Mrs Gitanjali Mohanty, Lecturer in English, gave the vote of thanks.

The literary session ended at about 2pm.

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