

RESEARCH ORIENTED PROBLEMS IN ENGLISH IN TRIPURA

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Introduction

A research paper involves more than an essay. One must present one's idea on a topic then support with evidence. Researcher's aim is finding problems of research and identifying priorities for English language and literature in Tripura as well as India and abroad in same, time place and action oriented situation for whom English is a foreign language. In order to accomplish this effectively, the goal of Researcher is to present an argument to readers and then support it through the proper presentation of research findings. This paper is a result of discussion with research scholars, faculties, expert researchers in a wide range of language and literature arena in Tripura. It is discoursed on final form for analysis, along with input from Associate Professors, Professors working in and outside Tripura to discover persistent research problems. It is compared with subject experts' findings for native speakers to evaluate suitability of popular texts to address problems to provide useful and reliable information, and enable them to be aware of research priorities for Tripura scholars.

Objectives

Aim of this paper is to discuss about probable happenings in the process of preparing a research paper. It is to enable researchers to know that they may face problems of selecting a topic, researching, note taking, writing of footnotes, bibliographies. It is to enable blooming Researchers to define, identify and access relevant information by citing the sources. It is to find out problems of lacking in logical steps for creating innovative research paper. This is to discuss about finding of priorities in the research field with an analysis of the relationship and interaction and calling attention to the themes and issues involved in the racial problems, psychological problems, human foibles and alienation, against which the simple and good are presented. It is to emphasise the varieties of life. It is to go deep in the creative matrices of the time in Tripura's moral, religious, philosophical and cultural conditions, which may shape a good research work. The aim is to discuss the research priorities as a symbol and aspiration of the cultural metaphor of Tripura amalgamation of different races with signifying a new humanity in the state, country and the world. It is to evoke a rich complex feeling among people of the state to meet the requirement of the initiated institution. An objective of organizing a research paper is to allow people to read one's work selectively.

Social-moral-cultural and literary milieu of Tripura

Tripura is proud sister of remarkable traditional culture heritage of Bengali and Indo-Mongloits. Multi-lingual persons dwell in Tripura. Ours is land highly rich cultural heritage. Mother India is

pluralistic composite culture, which has been enjoying all high tributes and appreciation from the dawn of world civilisation. Its assimilations power has been so strong and effective that whatsoever race, community, caste, creed and colour entered became part of it. Unity in diversity is its virtue. It is rich in art, culture and literature. These play prominent part in all its dwellers. Here, one gets information, information paves way to thoughts, thoughts lead to actions, actions enable ones to make habit, habit leads to attitude and attitude builds ones personality and the personality decides destiny. All these come from an individual's interest, attitude and values. In simple words, it is a process of gaining a positive change in terms of quantitative as well as qualitative research in a particular area, religion, locality, community, sector and state. It is broad-based and multidimensional in nature. It is an attempt to bring out the change in Researchers by dragging out the best from their within developing research methodologies, techniques and stating the areas to pursue the research work which so oft must have been thought but never so well expressed. The Researchers must be self-reliant, self-sufficient, decision-maker, with powerful expression and initiative taker to place self in research society. Some of the areas of research are still uncovered for inadequate information. Certainly, different works in various fields have been undertaken and successfully completed but still there is requirement to look into the works and documentation for enabling the Researchers' work to be good and good to be better and better to be the best to lead exemplary status by further analysis and understanding of the issues concerning Tripura.

Research oriented problems in English in Tripura

There are many challenges that arise in writing research paper. Research scholars are not able to write good papers for inadequate information, books, expert research guides, internet facilities, research methodology, language problems and lack of mastery on language, original thoughts, discrimination, exposure and identification of areas. Students' learning and examination process is running on the age-old notes. They cram/mug up notes and do write the same in their examination that are at least forty to fifty years old in Tripura, no innovation, no creativity and no new style to write in their own words. Scholars/students have forgotten the phrase "literature is the mirror of society". However, experts keep on emphasising to write in their own words but in vain. The grandfather's notes are being learnt, read and regurgitated in the exams unlike water cycle. Further, the same spirit is reflected in research work when they go to university to pursue research work that becomes a problem for writing good paper since foundation is weak. A qualitative research paper must be systematic, logical, empirical, descriptive and replicable. Some of the problems are encountered by Researchers like CR Kothari are: "lack of a scientific training in the methodology, insufficient interaction, dissatisfactory liaison, lack of confidence in material gathering, want of adequate material, lack of code of conduct, difficulty of timely assistance, mismanagement of library, non-availability of journals, rules, reports, and problem of conceptualization"ⁱ. Exposure, discrimination and political barriers are also other minor problems in areas of research work. There are problems of lacking in logical steps to write a good research paper. To achieve perfection in anything one does, one needs more than just the knowledge. One must have a positive attitude and belief that one has the ability to achieve it. One must be specific about topic knowing what he/she wants to say effectively.

Problems faced by Researchers

Writing the research paper is not as overwhelming as some may initially think. The research paper essentially is a search on work that has previously been studied by an expert. The only task

that is required is to unearth their work. Though this task may seem simple, many scholars encounter problems of organising and writing the research paper because they fail to research the general topic before they decide on a thesis statement. They fail to provide an appropriate thesis statement and a connection between the thesis statement and all of the topic sentences in the paper. Some scholars encounter problems with the research paper because they do not fully review all of the information available. As a result, they may choose a topic that is too general or too specific for the number of pages that required. The length of the paper permits for an in-depth discussion of the topic.

Another issue that is problematic in writing a good research paper is connecting the main points of the paper to thesis statement. The shape, theme, plot and characterisation are of old fashioned and act of pouring old wine into new bottles. Human love in national and universal oriented spirit is unexpected. This connection is important because the reader has to be able to relate main points or topic sentences to the overall point of the paper. This can be accomplished by providing transitions between paragraphs and by always reminding the reader why this point is relevant to the discussion. One must avoid redundancy in writing. A related problem of connecting the main points to the thesis statement is failing to provide adequate and relevant support for the assertions made in research paper. In persuasive (influential) research papers, it is necessary to substantiate all assertions made so that the argument is strong. Combat this problem with some of the research that one has already reviewed while choosing topic. Also, remember just because there is research that is interesting and is closely related to one's topic it does not mean that it necessarily belongs in one's paper.

Some of the scholars in the Tripura as per the experts' views express inability to write references. When a research paper is incorrectly cited or fails to give credit altogether to the person whose ideas are borrowed, the scholar has committed plagiarism. Plagiarism can involve deliberately copying ideas and passing them off as one's own, or can be committed unintentionally by not providing parenthetical citations at the end of each statement that covers the material borrowed. Whether one summarize, paraphrase or directly quote a source, failing to provide adequate source citation is plagiarism. Taking a chance on possibly committing plagiarism earns one a failing grade for the assignment. Ultimately, completing a research paper takes time, effort, and proper planning. In order to prevent major mistakes, one must give oneself enough time to do research and write the paper, choosing an appropriate thesis statement, support the thesis with adequate research and facts, and ensure that the paper is in the correct format.

Research priorities in English in Tripura

Tripura is rich in culture existence and offers exciting areas of intellectual discourse in culture created and nurtured by its inhabitants. It is certain that innovative Researchers will find a meaningful dimension in the research methodology, rules for writing papers and problems found for English subject and their remedy may enable the scholars to be benefited. "Tripura is encircled on three sides by Bangladesh, except in the northeast where it is bounded by Assam and Mizoram states. Tripura has an area of 10,486 sq km. Forested hills, valleys lie in the northern part of Tripura, and the south has dense jungles. Nearly 90 percent of the people are Hindus. There are a small number of Muslims and Christians. The official languages are Bengali and Kokbarak. Manipuri is also spokenⁱⁱ."

Agriculture is the mainstay of the economy; shifting cultivation is gradually being replaced by modern farming methods. Tea, jute, cotton, and fruit are important cash crops. Rice, potatoes, and sugarcane are also grown. "Shifting cultivation has destroyed parts of the forest. In

addition, more trees have recently been cleared to accommodate refugees from Bangladesh. However, almost half the land area is still covered by forest. Industry is generally small in scale and includes aluminium utensils manufacturing, saw mills, and handloom weaving; rubber plantations are being established. Tripura has major and minor roads, a rail line, and an airport located in Agartala.ⁱⁱⁱ Thus, for the social science and humanities Researchers may pursue their research work on the above-mentioned areas of socio economic- moral and cultural values. They may do their work on the neighbouring countries and insurgency created by the people who sneak to take shelter and then create problems for peace and harmony of the people. Research work can be pursued on Tribal people, development of foreign language in Tripura, agriculture, industry and language, language and education, culture and literature and comparative studies in culture and languages, migration from neighbouring countries and language problems. Findings into the presented papers in National Seminars also compel for further analysis and understanding. A comparative study of migration from neighbour countries, their language, their varieties in languages like Bangala, Navakhali, Shilete, Komhila and comparison in their living standard, culture and impact on Tripuris may be taken up for the research work.

Methodology

The methodology used for this research paper is descriptive method. The main aim of research is to find out the truth which is hidden and which has not been discovered yet. To portray accurately the characteristics of a particular individual, situation or a group is known as descriptive research studies. “Descriptive research includes surveys and fact-finding enquiries of different kinds. The major purpose of descriptive research is description of the state of affairs, as it exists at presents. In social science and humanities research, we quite often use the term ex-post facto research for descriptive research studies. Most ex-post facto research projects are used for descriptive studies in which the Researchers seek to measures such items”^{iv}. Research studies, concerning human behaviour carried on with a view to make generalisations about human behaviour, are also examples of fundamental research.

Suggestions to write a good research paper

In Tripura, probably Researchers do not get the information they needed for the topic. For general topics, one may easily access the material but for the special topics initiated by dignified institutions of high order thinking are very less. One needs to have deep penetration of socio-economic- moral and cultural values above the level of regional thinking to develop national spirit for common cause. Thus, one may have problems in finding sources written exactly on this topic in the limited time and space available. One must realize that one does not necessarily get information that is focused exactly on ones paper’s topic. One’s role is to stand at the "centre" of information and integrate it to support. Although it may be helpful if someone else has researched ones exact focus area, many topics can be approached by combining content, or background, or specific detailing from different areas of knowledge that support. One must know that his/her role is not just to find and reiterate source material already written on the topic, but also to synthesize, analyse, and compare various related source material and come up with his/her own position in new and innovative form.

One must begin to think critically about topic and to search for the information components that would be needed. Research must be initiated on the psychological effects of various colours and shapes on the human psyche by finding plenty of information to understand fully some of the issues. One must go on to different sources and examined paper in detail,

recording results. By gathering, these different types of information, thinking about them, and synthesizing them, may enable to advance and support on the probable effects of certain kinds of comfort. This process of building from smaller, more detailed elements of knowledge to a larger generalization is called inductive reasoning, and it is a key to good synthesis of source material. The writer has to evaluate and synthesize various types of information. Here are some other suggestions in case one cannot find information about ones topic. One's paper may demand general background information about the topic as well as extremely detailed information to flesh out its outline. Use own experience, surveys, interviews, and direct observation to fill in the gaps. A research paper should not be a simple regurgitation of existing general knowledge. If ones statement of fact is widely known and more or less accepted by experts in the field, the paper runs the risk of being imitative piece that lacks any focus, perspective, or position.

It is easy for most writers to create controversy. Sometimes research paper can be made interesting by calling for some kind of specific action, like a political or social change, or by making an ethical judgement about the material. One may write on human values and their erosion in Tripura. By analysing the language of the thesis, one would recognize that the general, obvious part lies in the phrase "help to establish the values." Is not this more or less universally known? In what way are values established? What values are established? Does it matter? Should we as a member of society do something about it? The phrasing is too general to get to the interesting issues. So, let us add controversy by calling for a social change by changing pond-culture to avoid mosquitoes' tyranny, calling Prioress of Geoffrey Chaucer to develop eating habits and other characters and their comparison to develop these socio- economic- moral and cultural values in Tripura. Perhaps, one may find that most human values oriented research papers reinforce positive values in society but the new generation may or may not be moved by them. The paper may become valuable to promote human values such as respect for community, cleanliness, efficiency, hard work, aesthetic appreciation, competition, love faith, sincerity and devotion. The research paper might reveal that many values oriented papers target people. Another potential thesis might be value-oriented which may be regulated more closely by the experts.

The prevalent use of human values in the social world makes it easier. Analysis often involves identifying the elements or parts of a topic and selecting or re-ordering them. Typical forms of analysis include cause-effect, comparison-contrast, classification, and definition writing. Analysis also occurs when discipline knowledge such as principles from sociology, psychology, physics, criminal justice, etc. are applied to a topic in order to highlight specific elements of the topic for discussion purposes. Speaking of analysis, a linguistic analysis of Modern human values can be extremely challenging because of the present world that reveals areas of materialism in general.

Researcher's job is to show his readers something new, to add insight and perspective to their knowledge one must look for a particular angle, focus and a neglected aspect of a topic. Use personal experience and observation. Recognize that a research paper should represent one's own informed view on the selected topic. It should not be a simple replication of source material. Frame ideas when and how to splice decisions, when to quote, when to paraphrase, and so on. As a writer provide the transitions, the analysis, the conclusions, and in general guide readers on how everything fits together. Avoid vast expanses of summary from secondary sources. Too much straight summary can cause a variety of development and organisation problems. An effective research paper should follow the author's outline and show good integration of sources. Avoid papers that simply present various elongates of source notes, moving from one source to

another without integration. At some point in the drafting stage, the writer needs to take control of the material and enforce an organisation that supports the thesis. Integrated writing shows a focused author at work selecting material, creating transitions, creating effective sequencing, and, most importantly, guiding the reader on how to interpret the information through topic sentences, concluding sentences, explanation, and the author's own analysis. A paper is not finished just because it is handed in. As the syllabus indicated, submitted papers should be finished in terms of documentation, organization, detailing, and the final proofreading for mechanics, wording, spelling, and other aspects of quality.

Conclusion

At last, I would like to conclude that this paper would enable innovative Researchers to have a meaningful dimension. I am certain the research methodology, rules for writing papers and problems found for English subject and their remedy will enable the scholars to be benefited as Tripura is rich in culture existence and offers exciting areas of intellectual discourse in English language and literature, ethnicity and modernity along with customs, creativity and culture nurtured by its inhabitants. It may eventually be proved beneficial to the existing and budding Researchers. I am certain the research methodology, rules for writing papers and problems discussed for English subject may enable the state scholars to be benefited by this work. Provided, one shows faith in experiments by virtue of self-trust and real literary ambience is considered in Holy Spirit.

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