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# **The Kamatapur Movement: Historical roots, political demands and Government response**

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## **Abstract**

The North Eastern region of India is ethnically one of the most diverse regions of the country where numerous communities live a life of co-existence. The geographical location of the region made it a crossroad for several ethnic communities to the region or through the region in different periods of history. After independence, the region witnessed the emergence of several identity movements by different communities of the region with many of them demanding for a separate ethnic Homeland for their community. The present article is an attempt to analyze the Kamatapur Movement with its historical roots, political demands & Government response to the Movement.

**Key Words:** *Koch Rajbangshi, Movement, Kamatapur*

## **Introduction**

“Asom amar rupohi .Bharatare purba dikhar surya utha dekh”- the famous song of Bhupen Hazarika makes sense on ‘ASSAM’ as a land of diverse, assimilating culture. Even, it is compared as a micro model of India. Assam is regarded as the

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# A STUDY ON THE MEIRA PAIBI MOVEMENT: Militarised Manipur, Conflict and Women's Response and War for Survival on Two Fronts

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## 1. Introduction:

*"Tumhara Saath Milne Se Ehsaas -e-Quwaat aata hai  
Nayi Duniya Sajaane ka Junoon Phir Hum pe Chaya hai"*  
(Your solidarity has given me hope, this solidarity between  
us women has given me passion to create a new world)<sup>1</sup>

We know that every day, in every nation in the world, women are confronted by discrimination and inequality. Most important point is that women face extreme violence, sexually abuse and unequal treatment at home, at working place and even in their wider communities. However, it is important to mention here that gender relations are determined by the ways in which a society