

KOKBOROK LANGUAGE

According to the 2011 census, the number of Kokborok speakers in Tripura is 8,80,537, which is 23.97% of the state's total population. Kokborok is the mother tongue of nine of the 19 communities living in the state of Tripura. There are nine Kokborok clans: i) Tripura, ii) Debbarma, iii) Jamatia, iv) Noatia, v) Murasingh, vi) Reang, vii) Kalai, viii) Rupini, ix) Uchowi.

- In Tripura, Kokborok is taught in the following schools as one of the subjects –

Name of the Language	Elementary Level (I – VIII)		Secondary Level (XI-XII)	
	Class I-V	Class VI-VIII	Class IX-X	Class XI-XII
KOKBOROK	1163	133	115	65

- Kokborok textbooks for class I-VIII are prepared by the Directorate of Kokborok & OML & these books are printed & delivered to schools free of cost by the SCERT. Similarly, Kokborok textbooks for class IX-XII are prepared, printed & delivered to schools free of cost by the Directorate of Kokborok & OML.
- It has been included at the College level & Master's Degree level as a subject. There is a separate Kokborok Department at Tripura Central University. In the year 2019 Ph.D. in the Kokborok language was also introduced at Tripura University.
- For the development of the Kokborok language and also to promote literary activities in Kokborok languages among the youth, college & university students the Directorate of Kokborok & Other Minority Languages has been publishing the following literary magazines regularly –
 1. KHUMPUI
 2. IMANGNI KHUMBER
 3. YAKPAI
- Apart from this, to encourage literary activities in these languages and preserve the authentic & classic writings of the scholars of the Kokborok language, the Directorate has been publishing various literary books of renowned scholars / Academicians. So far, the Directorate of Kokborok & OML has published **61 books of Kokborok literature**.
- The Directorate has published the **Kokborok Language Dialectical Thesaurus**.
- Additionally, the Directorate of Kokborok & Other Minority Languages has published **KOKBOROK TEACHERS' HANDBOOKS** for classes III to XII for teachers instructing the Kokborok language in schools.
- To promote the overall development of the Kokborok, the Directorate of Kokborok & OML organizes various workshops, seminars, and teachers' training regularly. Since its establishment in 2012, this Directorate has conducted **34 such programs** aimed at developing the Kokborok language.
- The Directorate of Kokborok and Other Minority Languages also conducts an online Kokborok learning course for government officials/officials (Group- A, B, C) as part of its activities. In addition, the Department of Kokborok and Other Minority Languages is conducting another offline Kokborok learning program at the U.K. Academy, Agartala for working professionals.
- **Organizing state-level Kokborok Day event on 19th January every year -**
 - a. Every year on the 19th of January Directorate of Kokborok & OML organizes State state-state-level program to commemorate Kokborok Day. During this occasion a Rally involving College & school

students is organized. Along with this a colorful cultural program is also being organized by the Directorate of Kokborok & OML.

- b. Since the year 2020 Kokborok Sal (Day) has been celebrated in all sub-divisions of the state on 19th January. Moreover, since the year 2020, Kokborok Sal (Day) has also been celebrated in all schools, colleges & universities across the state for 1 week (7 days).
- c. During this year's State Level 46th Kokborok Day celebration program on the 19th January 2024 at Rabindra Bhavan, Agartala **5 nos. Kokborok Teachers** are felicitated for their contribution to teaching & developing the Kokborok language.