

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MANIPURI LANGUAGE HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DIRECTORATE OF KOKBOROK & OTHER MINORITY LANGUAGES, SHIKSHA BHAWAN, AGARTALA IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE DIRECTORATE OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS, SHIKSHA BHAWAN, AGARTALA ON 31-10-2023 AT 12:00 NOON**

**Participants in the meeting:**

1. Sri Sabyasachi Singh, Dy. Director, Directorate of Kokborok & Other Minority Languages & Member Secretary of the Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
2. Th.Nilkumar Sinha, Vice-Chairman, Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
3. Md. Nurul Haque, Member, Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
4. M. Mrinal Singha, Member, Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
5. N. Bibhas Singha, Member, Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
6. Ksh. Jitendrajit Singha, Member, Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
7. T. Jogendra Datta, Member, Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
8. K. Atul Kr. Singha, Member, Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
9. Smt. Nirpama Singha, Member, Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
10. R.K.Tarunjit Singha, Member, Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
11. L. Birmangal Singha, Member, Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
12. W. Birmangal Singha, Member, Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
13. Y. Ankur Sinha, Member, Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
14. L. Kumar Singha, Member, Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
15. N.Prafulla Bijoy Singha, Member, Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
16. Sri R. Debbarma, Joint Director, Directorate of Secondary Education
17. Sri Susanta Debbarma, OSD, Directorate of Kokborok & Other Minority Languages
18. Sri Nirmalya Bhattacharya, RO, Directorate of Kokborok & Other Minority Languages

**Apologies:**

1. The Director, Directorate of Kokborok & Other Minority Languages & Chairman of the Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
2. R.K. Sanatomba Singha, Member, Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
3. A. Rabindra Singha, Member, Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language
4. Smt. S. Gambhini, Member, Advisory Committee for Development of

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5. The Director, Directorate of Elementary Education (Special Invitee)
6. The Director, SCERT (Special Invitee)
7. The President, Tripura Board of Secondary Education (Special Invitee)

**Introduction:**

At the onset, the Vice-Chairman welcomed all the advisory committee members on behalf of the Chairman and highlighted the current status, challenges, and opportunities related to the development of Manipuri language. The presentation covered areas such as shortage of teachers, education, and the need for taking corrective measures. The Member Secretary also stressed upon the significance of the committee's work. He also wished for timely implementation of resolutions to be taken in the meeting in affective ways.

**Discussion on Challenges prevailing at present:**

The committee engaged in a detailed discussion about the challenges faced by the Manipuri language, which included:

- a. Urgent need of Manipuri knowing teachers in the schools where Manipuri Language is being taught as a subject.
- b. Introduction of Manipuri language in Class IX & X .
- c. Introduction of Manipuri Script (Meitei -Mayek) in place of Bengali script.
- d. Observation of Manipuri Language Day (20<sup>th</sup> August) in a befitting manner.
- e. Publishing of Manipuri Magazines and other literary books on regular basis.
- f. Formation of Sub- Committees for Publication of Magazines & Other literary books Textbooks and for observation of Manipuri language day (20<sup>th</sup> August)
- g. Non- reflection of Manipuri Subject in Progress Report/ Marksheets
- h. Non-Centralization of question paper of Manipuri subject.
- i. Introduction of Diploma course in Manipuri language at Tripura University and MBB university.
- j. Introducing Manipuri subject in Manikbhandar Junior Madrasa school where cent percent of the students belong to Manipuri community.
- k. Revision of the Manipuri Textbooks from class I to class V.

After detailed discussion on the issues mentioned above, it was resolved that the following matters will be placed to the concerned authorities for implementation in due course.

- a. Proposal for approval of the following Sub-Committees: -

**1. Magazine & Publication Sub-Committee with the following members: -**

- i. Ankur Sinha- Editor
- ii. L. Birmangal Singha, Member
- iii. Nirupama Singha, Member
- iv. N. Prafulla Bijoy Singha, Member
- v. L. Kumar Singha, Member
- vi. R.K. Tarunjit Singha, Member

**2. Textbook Preparation Sub-Committee with the following members: -**

- i. W. Birmangal Singha, Chairman
- ii. Ankur Sinha- Convenor
- iii. Th. Nilkumar Sinha, Member
- iv. T. Jogendra Datta, Member
- v. K. Atul Kr. Singha, Member

- vi. Ksh. Jitendrajit Singha, Member
- b. Schools which at present do not have at least 2 (two) teachers to teach Manipuri subject should be provided with such teachers by adjustment of teachers from other schools through transfer or deputation.
  - c. Adequate number of teachers would be transferred to the schools where teaching of Manipuri language is discontinued due to lack of teachers. A list of teachers with all details to be prepared by the Advisory Committee for the Development of Manipuri language and the list would be shared with the Directorate of Kokborok & OML so that the same can be sent to Directorate of Elementary Education to take immediate steps to transfer or depute the teachers as required.
  - d. Manipuri language would be introduced at the Secondary level i.e. class IX & X from the next academic session(2024-25) and for this the Directorate of Kokborok & Other Minority languages would take all necessary steps, including publication of textbooks, obtaining approval of Tripura Board of Secondary Education etc.  
Initiative will be taken to approach the Tripura University, MBB University to introduce a Diploma/ Certificate course in Manipuri language.
  - e. The journal CHOOMTHANG should be continued to be published on regular basis.
  - f. A Supplementary book of Manipuri Alphabet be prepared before commencement of the next academic session.
  - g. The committee invites sufficient manuscripts for publication of literary books from the Directorate of Kokborok & Other Minority languages.
  - h. New schools would be notified if necessary for teaching of Manipuri language specially in class IX & X for the benefit of the students who pass out from class VIII.
  - i. Question Papers of all classes for Manipuri subject would be centrally prepared (from the Directorate of Kokborok & Other Minority languages).
  - j. The Advisory Committee members may be empowered to visit the schools where Manipuri subject is taught (at least twice in a year).
  - k. The two sub -committees mentioned earlier i.e. **Magazine & Publication Sub-Committee and Textbook Preparation Sub-Committee** would prepare a framework of Language Day Celebration (20 August) and submit to the Directorate of Kokborok & Other Minority languages.
  - l. The Director, Directorate of Elementary Education would issue necessary instruction to the headmaster concerned to assist the Manipuri knowing teachers to arrange the ways for taking classes of Manipuri subject, to include the same in the routine chart of the school and ensure that examination of this subject is duly conducted and marks hereof is reflected in the Progress reports/Marksheets.
  - m. The Director, Secondary Education would be requested to make a gazette notification, introducing Manipuri language at Manikbhandar Junior Madrasa School, a grant in aid school.

The meeting ended with the votes of thanks to the chair.

(S.Singh,TCS)

Dy. Director  
Directorate of Kokborok & OML  
Member Secretary  
Advisory Committee  
For Development of Manipuri  
Language

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4. The Director, Elementary Education, for kind information.
5. The Director, Kokborok & OML ,for kind information.
6. The Director, SCERT, Agartala, for kind information.
7. The President, Tripura Board of Secondary Education, for kind information.
8. The Principal Officer, Education, TTAADC
9. The OSD, Kokborok &OML ,for kind information.
10. The RO, Kokborok &OML, for kind information.
11. Sri/Smt ..... member of the Advisory Committee for Development of Manipuri Language.