



## The Kokborok Language

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Members of the **Twipra Students' Federation (TSF)** were detained for protesting at the Tripura Assembly entrance, demanding the inclusion of the [Roman script for Kokborok](#) ( a **Sino-Tibetan language**) in textbooks and official work.

- **Language and Community:** Kokborok, is the mother tongue of the **Borok people (Tripuris)** and tribal communities in Tripura, including **Debbarma, Reang, Jamatia**, and others.
- **Etymology:** "Kok-Borok" combines Kok (language) and Borok (man), meaning "the language of man" or "the language of the Borok people."
- **Script and Writing:** Kokborok originally used the **Koloma script** but now lacks a native script and is written in [Bengali script](#).
- **Historical Roots:** Existed since at least the 1st century AD. **Rajratnakar**, a chronicle of Tripuri kings, was initially written in Kokborok and Koloma script by **Durlobendra Chontai**.
- **Recognition:** Kokborok was recognised as the **official language of Tripura in 1979** (spoken by 23.97% of Tripura's population (2011 Census)), second only to **Bengali**.
- **Use of Roman Script:** Kokborok, favored by tribal groups, has been written in **Roman script for decades**. Two commissions, led by **Shyama Charan Tripura and Pabitra Sarkar**, supported Roman, while the government preferred Bengali.
  - Tribal organizations oppose **Bengali or Devanagari scripts**, fearing cultural imposition and identity disruption.

Read more: [NRC in Tripura](#)

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## UPI Transactions Enabled for PPI Holders

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The [Reserve Bank of India \(RBI\)](#) has **amended** its regulations to allow **full-KYC Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) holders** to perform [Unified Payments Interface \(UPI\)](#) transactions **via third-party UPI apps**.

- **Objective:** To allow **PPI holders**, such as users of **digital wallets and gift cards**, to make and receive UPI payments via **third-party apps** like **PhonePe, Google Pay, and Paytm**, which were limited to the issuer's app only.
  - It aims to **enhance flexibility, customer satisfaction, and ease of use**, promoting **greater participation** in the **digital payment** ecosystem.
- **PPIs:** PPI are **digital wallets and payment tools** that allow users to **purchase goods and services, transfer funds, and access financial services** using the value loaded onto them.
  - There are over **1.14 billion PPIs** issued by **banks and non-banks** in India.
- **UPI:** It is an **instant real-time payment system** developed by [NPCI](#) to facilitate inter-bank transactions through mobile phones.

- UPI accounts for **70% of India's digital transactions** in **2023-24**.
- In October 2024, UPI processed **Rs 23.49 lakh crore** across **16.58 billion transactions**, marking a **45% increase from 2023**.
- The Indian government is also promoting **UPI** and [RuPay cards internationally](#).

**Read More:** [UPI Payments: Empowering Users, Challenging Banks](#)

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