

MAP 44 DISTRIBUTION OF TRIPURI SPEAKERS 2011

Tripuri is a Tibeto-Burman language under the classified Non-Scheduled languages of India. This is the language of the people of Tripura. The original inhabitants of Tripura were the Tipra or Tipperah people whose basic language was Tripuri. These people were the Debbarmas who ruled this kingdom for two thousand years until it was united to the Indian Republic in 1949. Tripuri people include many tribes such as Tipra (Tripura, Tripuri, Tippera), Reang (Riang), Jamatia, Kaipeng, Noatia, Kolo (Kalai) and Halam etc. In Census 2011, three mother tongues namely, Kokborak, Reang and Tripuri which returned more than 10,000 speakers at all India level are grouped under Tripuri as variants. Rest of the mother tongues returned as variants of Tripuri are grouped under 'Others'. Tripuri has Koloma script of its own and is written in either Bengali or Roman script.

As per Census 2011, there are 10,11,294 Tripuri speakers, which constitute 0.08 per cent of the country's total population. In Tripura, the share of Tripuri speakers is 25.88 per cent of the state's total population and 2.97 per cent of Mizoram state population. In country as a whole, Tripuri language speakers are mainly recorded in Tripura (94.03%), Mizoram (3.23%), Assam (2.26%) and Meghalaya (0.27%). Together they cover 99.79 per cent of the total Tripuri speakers in India. Besides these three states, Tripuri speakers are also recorded between 51 and 350 in Nagaland (0.03%), Gujarat, Manipur, Jammu & Kashmir and Rajasthan (0.02% each), West Bengal, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Punjab, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and NCT of Delhi (0.01% each). In remaining 16 States/Union Territories, though Tripuri speakers are available but their proportion is negligible.

The map displays the geographical distribution of Tripuri speakers at the district level in India. Here percentages are calculated on the basis of the number of Tripuri speakers in total population of

that particular district. Different shades of colour are used to show the percentage distribution of Tripuri speaking population throughout the country. The data presented in this map is grouped in the percentage ranges of 0.01 to 0.02, 0.03 to 0.10, 0.11 to 1.00, 1.01 to 10.00 and 10.01 and above.

The district-wise distribution reveals that out of 640 districts in India, 255 districts have reported the presence of Tripuri speakers. The overall picture of 255 districts towards the speakers' strength of Tripuri speaking populace shows that 25 districts fall in the range of 0.01 to 0.02 per cent, 8 districts fall in the range of 0.03 to 0.10 per cent speakers, 4 districts each fall in the range of 0.11 to 1.00 per cent speakers and 1.01 to 10.00 per cent speakers whereas 5 districts fall in the range of 10.01 and above Tripuri speakers throughout India. Remaining 209 districts with percentage of Tripuri speakers as below 0.01 per cent have been left blank on the map along with other 385 districts not having single Tripuri speaker.

Among the districts in Tripura, the highest proportion of Tripuri speakers is registered in Dhalai (41.57%) district followed by South Tripura (30.86%), West Tripura (23.41%) and North Tripura (17.20%) districts.

Outside Tripura, significant number of Tripuri speakers are recorded in Mamit (17.64%), Lawngtlai (7.22%), Kolasib (4.63%) and Lunglei (2.94%) districts of Mizoram; Hailakandi (2.11%), Karimganj (0.43%), Dima Hasao (0.25%) and Cachar (0.13%) districts of Assam and West Khasi Hills (0.52%) district of Meghalaya. In 33 other districts, Tripuri Speakers are reported below 0.10 per cent.

The distribution of Tripuri speakers and percentage to the total Tripuri speakers along with the cumulative percentage in the States/Union Territories is given in the following Table 44.

**TABLE 44
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Sl. No.	India/States/Union Territories	Tripuri Speakers			Sl. No.	India/States/Union Territories	Tripuri Speakers		
		Number	% Share*	Cum. %			Number	% Share*	Cum. %
1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
	INDIA	10,11,294	100.00		18	ANDHRA PRADESH	39	0.00	99.97
1	TRIPURA	9,50,875	94.03	94.03	19	UTTARAKHAND	33	0.00	99.98
2	MIZORAM	32,634	3.23	97.25	20	JHARKHAND	29	0.00	99.98
3	ASSAM	22,890	2.26	99.52	21	MADHYA PRADESH	26	0.00	99.98
4	MEGHALAYA	2,735	0.27	99.79	22	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR IS.	26	0.00	99.99
5	NAGALAND	339	0.03	99.82	23	ODISHA	24	0.00	99.99
6	GUJARAT	239	0.02	99.84	24	CHHATTISGARH	23	0.00	99.99
7	MANIPUR	208	0.02	99.86	25	TAMIL NADU	23	0.00	99.99
8	JAMMU & KASHMIR	190	0.02	99.88	26	HIMACHAL PRADESH	18	0.00	99.99
9	RAJASTHAN	169	0.02	99.90	27	SIKKIM	14	0.00	100.00
10	WEST BENGAL	120	0.01	99.91	28	KERALA	13	0.00	100.00
11	MAHARASHTRA	118	0.01	99.92	29	CHANDIGARH	11	0.00	100.00
12	KARNATAKA	114	0.01	99.93	30	BIHAR	7	0.00	100.00
13	PUNJAB	95	0.01	99.94	31	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	6	0.00	100.00
14	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	90	0.01	99.95	32	DAMAN & DIU	5	0.00	100.00
15	UTTAR PRADESH	63	0.01	99.96	33	GOA	1	0.00	100.00
16	HARYANA	59	0.01	99.96	34	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0.00	100.00
17	NCT OF DELHI	58	0.01	99.97	35	PUDUCHERRY	0	0.00	100.00

*The sum of State/UT percentage values may not add up to 100 due to round off and may also not match with cumulative percentage values.

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