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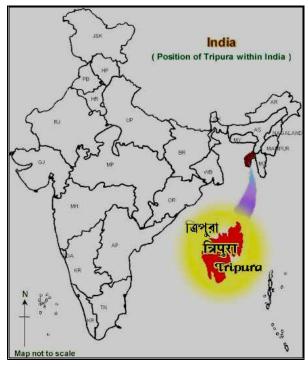
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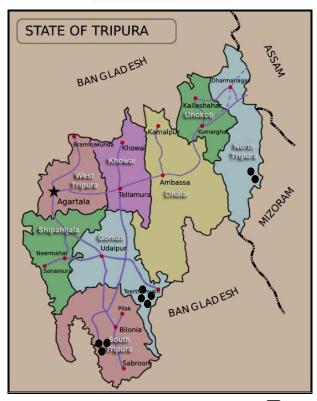
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MAP OF INDIA



Location of Tripura (marked in red) in India

MAP OF TRIPURA



Areas where Uchais live in Tripura

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

| 1 | = | first person |
|---------|---|--------------------|
| 2 | = | second person |
| 3 | = | third person |
| ABL | = | ablative |
| ACC | = | accusative |
| AGT | = | agentive |
| ADJ | = | adjective |
| ADV | = | adverb |
| ASP | = | aspect |
| BN ADV | = | bound adverb |
| С | = | consonant |
| CAUS | = | causative |
| CL | = | clause |
| CLF | = | classifier |
| CM | = | case |
| CNJ | = | conjunction |
| COM | = | completive |
| COMP | = | comparative |
| DAT | = | dative |
| DEM PRO | = | demonstrative |
| DO | = | direct object |
| EQU | = | equative copula |
| EXIS | = | existential copula |

F = feminine

F NAME = flower name

FR ADV = free adverb

FUT = future tense

GEN = genitive

GER = gender

HOR = hortative

IMP = imperative

INC = incompletive

IND = indicative

INF = infinitive

INS = instrumental

INT = interrogative

INT PRO = interrogative pronoun

INTR = intransitive verb

IO = indirect object

LOC = locative

M = masculine

M CL = main clause

MOD = mood / modal

MOD ABL = modal of ability

MOD CER = modal of certainty

MOD CON = modal of condition

MOD DET = modal of determination

MOD NEC = modal of necessity

MOD PRO = modal of probability

N = noun

NAME = person's name

NEG = negative, negation

NFUT = non-future

NMLZ = nominalizer

NUM = numeral

NOM = nominative

O = object

P = predicate

PASS = passive

PERM = permissive

PL = plural

P NAME = place name

POST = post position

PRES = present tense

PROG = progressive

PROH = prohibitive

PRO PRE = pronominal prefix

PST = past tense

PTCL = particle

PTCP = participle

Q = question particle / marker

RECP = reciprocal

RES = resultative

R NAME = river name

S = sentence

SBJ subject SG singular STAT stative verb SUB CL subordinate clause SUPL superlative T tense TEMP temporal V verb VI verb, intransitive VN verbal noun VTverb, transitive Wh. Q wh-question // phonemic bracket [] allophonic bracket

[~] = nasal vowel

[-] = syllabic boundary

[`] = falling tone

['] = rising tone

 $[\pm]$ = optionality

> = leads to

 $[\emptyset]$ = zero or non-availability

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