

Koch-Rajbongshis

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Ahead of the Home Minister's three-day visit to Assam, the Koch-Rajbongshis have renewed their demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

About Koch-Rajbongshis

- Koch Rajbongshi is an **ancient tribe** originally **from the ancient Koch kingdom**.
- The Rajbongshi tribe is referred to as Koch Rajbongshi, or Rajbanshi, or Rajvanshi.
- The word "Rajbongshi" literally means "royal community".
- Considered as **indigenous people of South Asia**, at present they live in lower Nepal, **Northern Bengal, North Bihar, Northern Bangladesh, the whole of Assam, parts of Meghalaya, and Bhutan**.
- These modern **geographical areas were once part of the Kamata kingdom ruled by the Koches** for many centuries.
- The community is variously designated as **OBC (Assam), SC (Bengal), and ST (Meghalaya)**.
- **Language:**

- The Rajbongshi/**Rajbanshi language** is **spoken by one crore people**, according to a 2001 census.
- It has a **complete grammar**.
- **Religion and Beliefs:**
 - They are **largely Hindus** with lots of their own deities and rituals.
 - **A large section** of Koch Rajbanshi became **followers of Islam**, and the present Muslims of North Bengal, West Assam and Northern Bangladesh are of Koch Rajbanshi origin.
 - There are **also Christian and Buddhist Koch Rajbanshis**.
- The **primary livelihood** of the tribe is **agriculture and farming**. They live very close to nature because of the fact that **primitively they were 'Animist'** and the same significance is still prevailing among the tribe.

Koch-Rajbongshis FAQs

Q1. What is the primary livelihood of Koch Rajbongshi ?

Ans. The primary livelihood of the tribe is agriculture and farming.

Q2. What is the Koch kingdom?

Ans. It was a powerful medieval kingdom in northeastern India, primarily covering Assam, West Bengal, and parts of Bihar and Meghalaya.

Q3. What is the religion of Koch Rajbongshis?

Ans. They are largely Hindus with lots of their own deities and rituals.

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