

Moran community

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Why in news?

The Moran community in Assam launched an indefinite economic blockade in Tinsukia district, demanding for Scheduled Tribe status.

- The Moran community is one of the **aboriginal tribes of Assam**.
- They are of **Tibeto-Burman origin**.
- **History** - In the 13th century, they lived in the south eastern corner of the Brahmaputra valley occupying territories between the Disang and Dihing rivers.
- They had their **own independent chiefdom** before the advent of the Ahoms in the present day Tinsukia region.
- Due to their **close relation with the Ahoms**, the Morans seem to have adopted many of the Ahom rites and rituals.
- **Distribution** - They are mainly concentrated in the **districts of Upper Assam and adjoining districts of Arunachal Pradesh**.
- **Religion** - The community adopted **Vaishnavism**, following the **Moamoria Sect of Neo-Vaishnavism**, which was introduced to them in the 17th century by Aniruddha deva, a disciple of Sankardeva.
- **Language** - They speak **Assamese language**, used to speak Moran language, which was closely related to the Dimasa language.
- **Festival** - The primary festival celebrated by the Moran community is Bihu, particularly the **Bohag Bihu or Rongali Bihu**, a major cultural event in Assam.
- They also observe **Magh Bihu, Raati Bihu and Kati Bihu**.
- **Demands of Moran Community** - Recognition as a Scheduled Tribe status and Constitutional elevation for their Moran Autonomous Council.

*In March 2025, the Assam government announced its decision to issue **Permanent Residence Certificates (PRCs)** to members of*

the Moran community living in Arunachal Pradesh.

- **Others demanded for ST status** - Along with Moran, Tea tribes or Adivasi, Motok, Tai Ahom, Chutia, and Koch-Rajbongshi are agitating for Scheduled Tribe status.

References

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