

## **Demand For Frontier Nagaland Territory**

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The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has agreed to the demand by the Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation (ENPO) for autonomy in the proposed Frontier Nagaland Territory (FNT).

## Frontier Nagaland Territory (FNT)

About:



- FNT is a proposed administrative region demanded by the ENPO to address the developmental imbalances in 6 eastern districts of Nagaland- Kiphire, Longleng, Mon, Noklak, Shamator, and Tuensang.
- Objective:
  - It aims to grant executive, legislative, and financial autonomy to these districts, enabling better governance and focused resource allocation to bridge the "development deficit."
- Significance:
  - These districts, which are home to 7 Naga tribes (Konyak, Khiamniungan, Chang, Sangtam, Tikhir, Phom and Yimkhiung), account for over 30% of Nagaland's population and 20 of the 60 legislative assembly seats.
- Background:
  - The demand for a separate state for Eastern Nagaland **began in 2010**, led by the ENPO citing a significant "development deficit" in the region.

## **Nagaland:**

 After Independence in 1947, the Naga territory remained part of Assam. It was recognized as a state on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1963 under the State of Nagaland Act, 1962.

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