

Moran Community

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The **Moran community** in Assam's **Tinsukia district**—an area rich in **oil**, **coal**, and **tea**—has launched an **economic blockade**, stopping the movement of **goods** to and from the region to press their demand for **Scheduled Tribe (ST) status**.

- About: The Moran community is an aboriginal tribe of Assam that once had an independent kingdom before the Ahom rule.
- Religious Affiliation: In the 17th century, Aniruddhadeva converted them to Vaishnavism, sparking cultural and social regeneration.
 - They belong to the Moamoria sect of Vaishnavism and have a small population in Arunachal Pradesh's Namsai district.
- Demand for ST Status: The Morans are one of the six communities—along with Tea
 Tribes/Adivasis, Motok, Tai Ahom, Chutia, and Koch-Rajbongshi—that are agitating for ST status.
- Recent Development: In March 2025, the Assam government announced its decision to issue Permanent Residence Certificates (PRCs) to members of the Moran community residing in Arunachal Pradesh.

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