



THADOU CONVENTION: NATIONAL ISSUE

NEWS: Manipur's Thadou community extends support to NRC

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

The Thadou tribe leaders issued a 10-point declaration at the Thadou Convention in Guwahati, highlighting their distinct identity, language, and heritage, and rejecting any association with the Kuki tribe. They established councils for cultural and social advocacy, including Thadou Inpi Manipur (TIM) as their unified body. Additionally, they requested recognition as a separate Scheduled Tribe in Assam, Mizoram, and Nagaland.

Thadou Tribe and Thadou Convention:

Thadou Convention

- Held in Guwahati, Assam.
- Attended by Thadou tribe leaders and delegates from India and abroad.

10-point Declaration and 9-point Resolution

- Emphasized the Thadou tribe's unique ethnic identity, language, culture, traditions, and history.
- Established councils such as Thadou Inpi Mizoram, Thadou Chiefs' Council, Thadou Human Rights Advocacy, Thadou Academic Society (TAS), and Thadou Elders' Association (TEA).





Thadou Inpi Manipur (TIM)

- A new unified top body of the Thadou tribe in Manipur, created as per the Thadou Inpi Constitution.

Distinct Identity from Kuki

- Thadou leaders assert that the tribe should be identified as Thadou, not as Kuki.
- The declaration stated that Thadou is a separate, independent tribe from Kuki, recognized as one of Manipur's original 29 indigenous tribes under the 1956 Presidential Order.

Demand for Reservation

- Thadou leaders requested recognition as a distinct Scheduled Tribe in Assam, Mizoram, and Nagaland.

Thadou Population

- Thadou people reside in Northeast India, Myanmar, and Bangladesh.
- According to the 2011 census, India has 229,340 Thadou people, with 97.6% living in Manipur, where they are the largest tribe, making up approximately 19% of the Scheduled Tribe population. Thadou speakers are also found in Meghalaya and Assam.

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