

Nagaland

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Introduction to Nagaland

This North Eastern state of India is inhabited by Nagas who belong to the Indo-Mongoloid family, there are 16 major tribes - Ao, Angami, Chang, Konyak, Lotha, Sumi, Chakhesang, Khiamniungan, Dimasa Kachari, Phom, Rengma, Sangtam, Yimchunger, Thadou, Kuki, Zeme-Liangmai (Zeliang) and Pochury as well as a number of sub-tribes. Each tribe is unique in character with its own distinct customs, language and dress. Forestry is an important source of income. Cottage industries such as weaving, woodwork and pottery are also an important source of revenue. Tourism is limited owing to the state's geographic isolation and political instability in recent years.

Agriculture is an important economic activity in Nagaland, more than 90% of the population is employed within it. Principal crops include rice, corn, millets, pulses, tobacco, oilseeds, sugarcane, potatoes and fibers. The census of 2011 recorded the state's Christian population at 17,39,651. An ancient indigenous religion known as the Heraka is followed by 4,168 people belonging to the Zeliangrong tribe living in Nagaland. . Important handicrafts of the Nagas are woodcarving, bamboo work, pottery and blacksmithy. . Nagas eat rice, vegetables, beef, pork, mithun, dogs, cats, fish, spiders, birds, crabs - in fact almost any living thing that he can lay his hands on, even elephant is eaten and is considered a delicacy.

Regards

Front page, Tribe: Khiamniungan



Tribe: Chang



Tribe: Konyak



Tribe: Chang



Tribe: Chang



Tribe: Chakhesang



Tribe: Khamniungan



Tribe: Khamniungan

Tribe: Konyak



Khiamniungan



Tribe:

Tribe: Kachari



Tribe: Sangtam



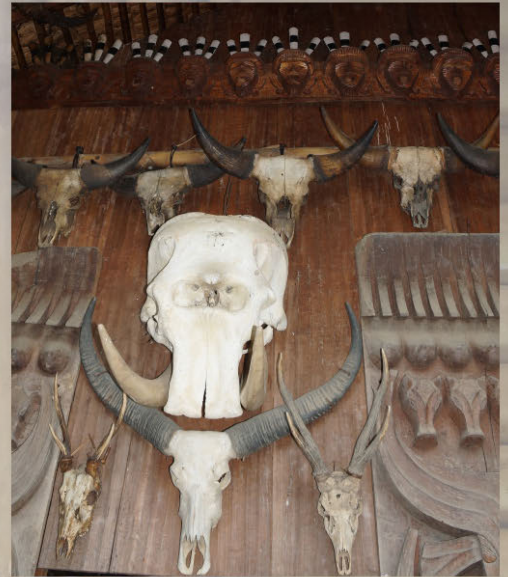


Tribe:





Tribal Morung with Elephant, Deer, and Mithum skulls.



Tribes: Chakhesang





Morung.



Tribe: Phom

North East Zonal Cultural centre Museum - Dimapur



Original Tribal religion: Heraka
Wind prayer totem.



Ancient Monoliths





Sculpture
made to appease
ghosts

Morung with Monoliths
near Kosoma village





NL:05
Local name: Axamulu
Tribe: AO, Sangtam,
Anugami

NL:06
Local name: Atsukuka
Tribe: Anugami

NL:07
Local name: Axamulu
Tribe: AO, Sangtam,
Anugami

NL:01
Local name: Shipu

NL:02
Local name: Azuk

Tribe: Konyak

NL:03 Liqui
Local name: Konyak

NL:04
Local name: Tsukolu
Tribe: Anugami



NL:12

Local name: Tsulcemo / Tsuphol

Tribe: Angami



NL:13

Local name: Tila

Tribe: Sema / Sumi / Chakhesang



NL:08

Local name: Yak

Tribe: Chang

NL:09

Local name: Azuk

Tribe: Angami (Male Necklace)

NL:10

Local name: Azuk

Tribe: AO, Sangtam

NL:11

Local name: Azuk

Tribe: Konyak





NL:14

NL:14

Local name: Shangvang

Tribe: Phom
(made form Horn & Teeth)



NL:15

NL:15

Local name: Kambang

Tribe: AO, Sema / Lotha



NL:16

NL:16

Local name: Leak

Tribe: Konyak

(Rich Men/women wear this)



NL:17
Local name: Azuk
Tribe: AO

NL:19
Local name: Khamniungam / Khongham / Thipu
Tribe: Konyak / Kemyo

NL:18
Local name: Azuk
Tribe: Angami





NL:20
Local Name:
Tribe: Konyak

NL:21
Local Name:
Tribe:



NL:23
Local Name:
Tribe: Konyak



NL:22
Local Name:
Tribe: Konyak





NL:24
Local Name:
Tribe:



NL:25

NL:25
Local Name:
Tribe:



NL:26
Local Name: Epharumpem
Tribe: Sumi / Lotha / Angami



NL:27
Local Name:
Tribe:

NL:28
Local Name:
Tribe: Sumi / Kenyong / Angami



NL:29
Local Name: Kulang
Tribe: AO (Hair Ornament)

NL:30
Local Name:
Tribe: Angami