

Khiamniungan Tribe

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Recently, the Prime Minister of India mentioned about the Khiamniungan tribe in his 'Mann Ki Baat' episode.

About Khiamniungan Tribe

The Khiamniungan tribe is one of the major tribes among the Nagas, with habitation both in India and Myanmar.

Geographically, the land of Khiamniungans is located in the Eastern part of Nagaland and in the North-Western part of Myanmar.

The meaning of the term Khiamniungan is 'source of great water or river'.

Social Structure: The traditional social structure was based on the clan system.

Language: They speak Khiamniugan, one of the Naga languages which belongs to the Sino-Tibetan language.

Festivals

They celebrate Tsokum Sumai in the month of September or in the first past of October to invoke blessing for a rich harvest.

They also celebrate Khaotzao Sey Hok-ah sumai which marks the end of all agricultural activities for the year.

Economy: Farming is one of the primary occupations of the people of this region. They traditionally practised jhum cultivation.

They have been practicing cliff-honey hunting for centuries