

Tikhir Tribe

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The Tikhir Tribal Council (TTC) recently submitted a representation to the Nagaland Director General of Police, urging the inclusion of aspirants from Tikhir tribe residing in Noklak district in the now-declared Nagaland Police constable recruitment.

About Tikhir Tribe

- The Tikhir tribe is **one of the indigenous Naga tribes** found in the northeastern Indian state of **Nagaland**.
- According to the 2011 census, the population of the Tikhir people in Nagaland was 7,537.
- **Some live across the border in Myanmar.**
- They are listed as a **Scheduled Tribe**, in the official **Census of India**.
- They speak a **language** called **Naga Yimchungru**, which is **part of the Tibeto-Burman language family**, like most Naga languages.
- **At one time**, the Tikhir **were headhunters** and a man's prestige depended upon the number of enemies he had killed.

- Tikhirs are an **agricultural community** whose livelihood depends on agricultural cultivation.
- Since the Tikhir are a small tribe in Nagaland, some of the larger tribes harass them.
- **Beliefs:**
 - With the coming of the Christian missionaries to Nagaland, most Tikhirs converted to **Christianity**.
 - Many of the Tikhir **practice elements of folk religion with their Christianity**.
- **“Tsonglaknyi” , the main Tikhir Festival**, is observed from 9th to 12th Oct. every year. It is basically a festival of the sanctification of Shield.

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