

Langkhon festival

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Why is in news? Tiwa tribesmen dancing on the occasion of the Langkhon festival in Karbi Anglong district of Assam

- During the **annual festival**, farmers pray for a good harvest.
- Tiwa is an ethnic group mainly inhabiting the states of Assam and Meghalaya in northeastern India.
- They are also found in some areas of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland.
- Tiwa Tribe is a community that **centers itself around** a **traditional form of agriculture**.
- Also known as Lalung, the indigenous community is recognized as a Scheduled Tribe (ST) within the state of Assam.
- The Tiwa community is far removed from the noise and influence of urban chaos.
- The Tiwas practice Jhum or shifting cultivation.
- Other festivals of the Tiwa tribes are: Three Pisu (Bihu), Borot utsav, Sogra phuja, Wanchuwa, Jonbeel Mela, Kabla, and Yangli Phuja.