58th "Chalo Loku" harvest festival of the Nocte community

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Background

- The Nocte live mainly in Tirap district (headquarters Khonsa) in the Patkai hills of Arunachal Pradesh. Chalo Loku is held in November, after the paddy harvest, with community feasts, dances and prayers for a good next season.
- Other festivals of Arunachal Pradesh: Losar (Monpa), Solung (Adi), Nyokum (Nyishi), Dree (Apatani) and Mopin (Galo).
- Arunachal Pradesh became a full State on 20 February 1987; its capital is Itanagar.

Tamil Nadu link: Like Chalo Loku, Tamil Nadu's Pongal is a harvest thanksgiving festival celebrated in the Tamil month of Thai.

Frequently asked questions

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. Which community celebrates the 'Chalo Loku' festival?

A) Nocte

B) Apatani

C) Monpa

D) Adi

Answer: A – Explanation: The Nocte of Arunachal Pradesh celebrated the 58th Chalo Loku; the main celebration was held at Khonsa, headquarters of Tirap district, on 25 November 2026.

2. In which district do the Nocte mainly live?

A) Lower Subansiri

B) Tirap

C) West Siang

D) Tawang

Answer: B – Explanation: Tirap's HQ is Khonsa; Tawang – Monpa; Lower Subansiri – Apatani.

3. Which Arunachal festival – tribe pair is wrongly matched?

A) Mopin – Nyishi

B) Solung – Adi

C) Losar – Monpa

D) Dree – Apatani

Answer: A – Explanation: Mopin belongs to the Galo; the Nyishi celebrate Nyokum.

4. What kind of festival is Chalo Loku?

A) Post-harvest festival

B) War memorial festival

C) Rain-seeking festival

D) New Year festival

Answer: A – Explanation: Held in November after the paddy harvest with feasts, dance and prayers, like TN's Pongal.

5. Tirap district of Arunachal Pradesh lies in which hill range?

A) Garo hills

B) Patkai hills

C) Maikal hills

D) Mishmi hills

Answer: B – Explanation: Tirap lies in the Patkai hills; Garo – Meghalaya; Maikal – central India.