

Karbi Anglong agreement

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In news– The Union government signed the tripartite Karbi Anglong agreement promising to fulfil all the conditions for development of the Karbi people(Assam) within the stipulated time.

Karbi Anglong agreement & Its features-

- The agreement **grants greater devolution of autonomy to the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) apart from providing protection to the language, culture and identity** of the region and reservation to the Karbi people.
- It was **signed by the Centre, five insurgent groups from the region and the state government.**
- Those present included representatives of
 - The Karbi Longri North Cachar Hills Liberation Front (KLNLF).
 - People's Democratic Council of Karbi Longri (PDCK).
 - United People's Liberation Army (UPLA).
 - Karbi People's Liberation Tigers (KPLT).
 - The Kuki Liberation Front (KLF).
- **A Special Development Package of Rs. 1000 crores over five years will be given by the Union Government and Assam Government** to undertake specific projects for the development of Karbi areas.
 - The Karbi armed groups have agreed to abjure violence and join the peaceful democratic process as established by law of the land.
 - The Agreement also provides for **rehabilitation of cadres of the armed groups.**
 - The **Government of Assam shall set up a Karbi Welfare Council** for focussed development of Karbi

people living outside KAAC area.

- **For the first time, Karbi and Scheduled Tribes people will get reservations.**
 - In no Sixth Schedule region, there is provision for reservation to a Scheduled Tribe. This accord will grant Scheduled Tribe status to Karbi staying in the plains as well.
- **The Consolidated Fund of the State will be augmented to supplement the resources of KAAC.**
- Overall, the present settlement proposes **to give more legislative, executive, administrative and financial powers to KAAC.**

About Karbi Anglong-

- Located in central Assam, Karbi Anglong is the **state's largest district.**
- It is a melting pot of ethnicities and tribal groups – **Karbi, Dimasa, Bodo, Kuki, Hmar, Tiwa, Garo, Man (Tai speakers), Rengma Naga.**
- A major ethnic community of Assam, Karbis are dotted by many factions, and marked by ethnic violence, killings, abductions, taxation since the late 1980s.



- The Karbi have been demanding a separate state since 1946 and their movement took the shape of an insurgency which intensified in the 1990s.