



## Matua Community

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The Matua community of West Bengal has been demanding the implementation of the [Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019](#).

- The Matuas are a depressed class of **Bengali Hindus who are part of the Scheduled Caste group of Bengal**. Millions of Matuas have migrated to India before and after the 1971 war that created **Bangladesh**, fleeing religious persecution.
- The Namasudras (Matuas) constitute **17.4% of the total Scheduled Caste (SC) population** in West Bengal, making them the second-largest group after the **Rajbanshis** in North Bengal.
- **Harichand Thakur**, a social reformer, is considered the founder of the **Matua Mahasangha**, a federation representing the Matua community.
  - It opposed caste oppression and work towards education and social upliftment of Dalits.

**Read more:** [Citizenship Amendment Act: Unpacked](#)

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