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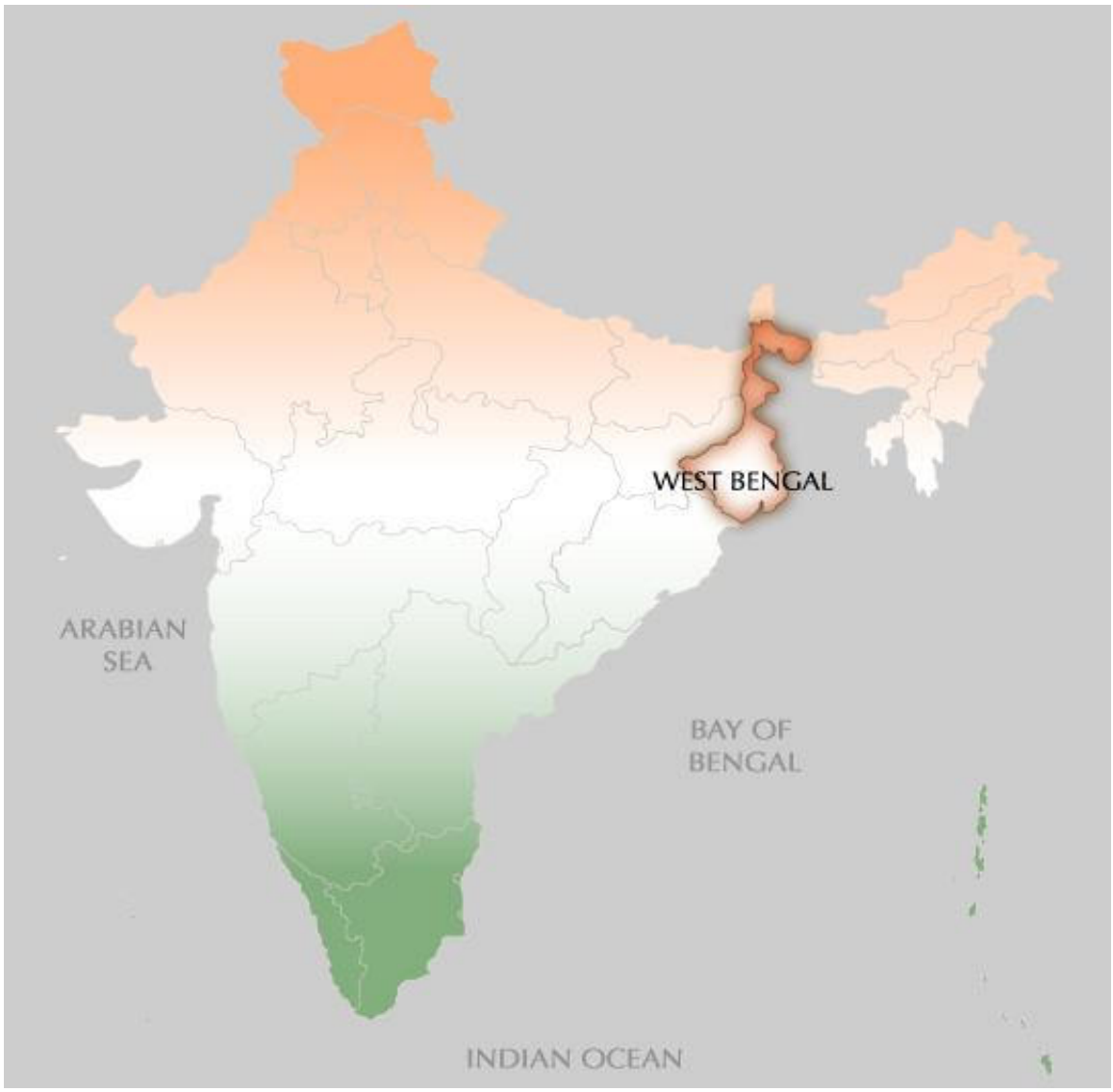

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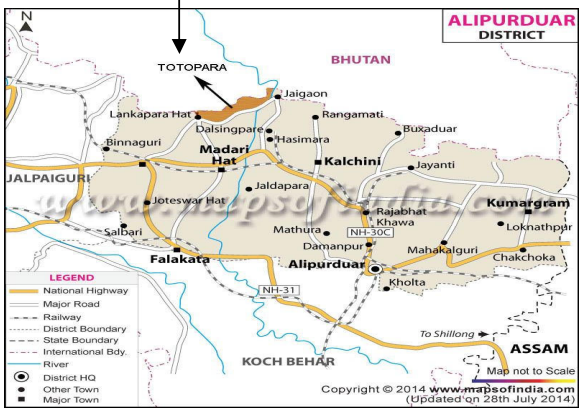
Map 2: Maps of West Bengal and Alipurduar



Map of Alipurduar showing the inhabitant of Toto Tribe of Totopara

Toto Plates

The main entrance of Totopara

A Field visit on 8.7.2014 in Totopara with Mr Rajen Toto

The cultivated crops called *meibe* used in preparing local wine *iu*

A village woman of Totopara winnowing the rice chaff in dala 'winnow'

Duku: a bamboo made basket used for carrying vegetable

Bakuŋ(cikaimo+mogoimo) a drum made of cow skin used during festival time.

petuŋ another type of basket used in filtering the local wine called *iu*.

Padaŋ a kind of bamboo net used in catching fish

naŋra a kind of 'dry fish' which are prepared after basking in the sun.

A field visit in Totopara during winter in the bank of river Torsa, which divides India and Bhutan.

A village woman preparing local wine ‘iu’

Two village priests during Demsa festival where Senza 'supreme god' is worshipped

Traditional house of Toto people

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List of abbreviations and symbols

A	answer
ABL	ablative
ACC	accusative
ADVLZ	adverbializer
AUX	auxiliary
CAP	capability
CAUS	causative
COM	commitative
COMP	comparative marker
COND	conditional
DAT	dative
DEM	demonstrative
DESID	desiderative
FUT	future
GEN	genitive
HORT	hortative
IMP	imperative
INF	infinitive
INST	instrumental
lit.	literally
LOC	locative
N	noun
NEC	necessity
NEG	negative
NOM	nominative
NOMZ	nominalizer
NUM	numeral

O	object
OBGL	obligative
PL	plural
PST	past
PRES	present
PROB	probability
REL	relative
REFL	reflexive
S	subject
SOV	subject-object-verb
SUPER	superlative marker
Q	question
QM	question marker
V	verb
V	vowel
V<u>V</u>	diphthong
Vs	versus
1	first person
2	second person
3	third person
Ø	null morpheme

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