The Folk-life and Culture of North Bengal: A Pictorial Representation

The Coochbehar district of West Bengal, India, is a treasure house of folklore and culture in many ways. The performing genres of folklore like song, drama, and other art forms have made this area a unique place in this part of our country. I would like to present a pictorial representation of the land and people of this district, along with some description wherever necessary.

**Visual Document-1**
A Dravidian origin lady of North Bengal

**Visual Document-2**
The fishing technology of North Bengal
Visual Document-3
The traditional buffalo shade (Batan) of North Bengal

Visual Document-4
The buffalo with traditional bell (Ghanta)
Visual Document-5
Children belonging to Indo-Mongoloid ethnic group

Visual Document-6
The water-lily (*Sapla / Saluk*) from North Bengal
Visual Document-7
The husking equipment (Chham) from North Bengal

Visual Document-8
Preparing the traditional Mekli of North Bengal
“Takuras” - The traditional equipment of making the jute thread

The traditional hut made of jute stick