



Bhil Tribe

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Recent controversial references to the Bhil tribe by Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission (MPPSC) has received severe criticism.



Key Points

- The Bhil are **one of the largest tribal groups**, living in Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan.
- The name is derived from the word 'billu', which means bow.
- The Bhil are known to be **excellent archers** coupled with **deep knowledge about their local geography**.
- Traditionally, experts in guerrilla warfare, most of them today are farmers and agricultural labourers. They are also skilled sculptors.
- Bhil **women** wear **traditional saris** while **men** are dressed in **long frock and pyjamas**. The **woman** put on **heavy ornaments made of silver, brass** along with rosaries of beads and silver coins and earring.

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