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Jangubai Cave Temple and Kaplai Caves

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The Jangubai Cave Temple and the Kaplai Caves are considered as a **pilgrimage site** by aboriginal tribes like **Gond, Pradhan and Kolam**.

These caves are located at **Maharashtra -Telangana border**.

Kolam Tribe

- The Kolam tribe (or in their own language, Kolavar) is a **scheduled tribe of Maharashtra**. They also live in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Madhya Pradesh.
- They have a language of their own (Kolami) which belongs, like Gondi, to the intermediate group of **Dravidian languages**.
- They are **monogamous** and follow Hinduism.
- Recently in 2018, the Government has identified Katkaria (Kathodia), Kolam and Maria Gond as **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)**.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is administering the scheme “Development of PVTGs” for the overall development of PVTGs. This scheme is flexible and enables the States to focus on areas that they consider is relevant to PVTGs and their socio-cultural environment.

Gond Tribe

- The Gonds tribe is spread over Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Bihar, and West Bengal.
- Their main concentration is in forest and hilly areas between the Vidhyans and Satpura.

Pradhan Tribe

- The Pradhan is a **subgroup** of the tribal Gond people who live in central India.

- The large majority of the Pardhan live in the **Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.**
- The primary language of the Pardhan people is their **own Pardhan language.** Some Pardhan also speak Hindi, Marathi and Gondi.
- The traditional occupation of the Pardhan is that of being singers and musicians at festivals and important life ceremonies.

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