



World Tribal Day

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World Tribal Day or **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples** is observed on **9th August** every year.

Key Points

- **Aim:** The day is aimed at **promoting and protecting the rights of the world's indigenous population** and to acknowledge the contributions that indigenous people make towards world issues such as environmental protection.
- **Background:** The day recognizes the **first meeting** of the **United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations in Geneva in 1982**.
It has been celebrated every year since 1994, in accordance with the declaration by the United Nations.
- **Theme 2020: "Covid-19 and the indigenous peoples' resilience"**
- **Tribes in India:**
 - According to the 2011 census, tribals make up 8.6% of India's population.
 - There are over 700 tribal groups in India, out of which around 75 are **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)**.
The **Gond** comprise the largest tribal group of India
 - The **largest number** of tribal communities (**62**) are found in **Odisha**.
 - **No Tribe** identified in **Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh, Delhi, and Puducherry**.

- **Constitutional Provisions:**
 - **Article 342(1)**- The **President** may with respect to any State or Union Territory, and where it is a State, after consultation with the Governor, by a public notification, specify the tribes or tribal communities or part of or groups within tribes or tribal communities as Scheduled Tribe in relation to that State or Union Territory.
 - **Article 15- Prohibition of discrimination** on grounds of **religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth only.**
 - **Article 16-** Equality of opportunity in matters of public employment
 - **Article 46-** Promotion of educational and economic interests of scheduled castes, Scheduled tribes and other weaker sections,
 - **Article 335-** Claims of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to services and posts.
 - As per **Article 338-A** of the Constitution of India, the **National Commission for Scheduled Tribes** has been set-up.
 - **5th and 6th Schedule-** Administration and control of Scheduled and Tribal Areas.
- **Legal Provisions:**
 - **Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955** against Untouchability.
 - **Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989** to prevent the commission of offences of atrocities against the members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.
 - **Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996** to provide for the extension of the provisions of Part IX of the Constitution relating to the Panchayats to the Scheduled Areas.
 - **Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006** to recognize and vest the forest rights and occupation in forest land in forest dwelling scheduled tribes and other traditional forest dwellers.
- **Committees Related to Tribal Communities:**
 - **Xaxa Committee** (2013)
 - **Bhuria Commission** (2002-2004)
 - **Lokur Committee** (1965)

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