



Yanomami Tribe

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Why in News

Recently, a **Yanomami indigenous** boy died in Brazil after contracting **Covid-19**, raising fears for the Amazon tribes.

Key Points

- Brazil is home to an estimated 8,00,000 indigenous people from more than 300 ethnic groups.
- **Guarani, Kaingang, Pataxó Hã Hã Hãe Tupinambá, Yanomami, Tikuna and Akuntsu** are popular tribe of Amazon.
- **Yanomami Tribe**
 - Yanomami, also called **South American Indians**, live in the remote forest of the **Orinoco River basin** in **southern Venezuela** and the **northernmost reaches of the Amazon River basin** in **northern Brazil**.
 - They numbered around 27,000 individuals throughout their range.
 - Yanomami live in small, scattered, semi permanent villages and speak the **Xirianá language**.
 - They practice **hunting and slash-and-burn agriculture**.
- It can be noted that recently, a Brazilian indigenous leader **Davi Kopenawa** who secured the land rights of the **Yanomami people** was awarded the **Right Livelihood Award-2019**, also known as **Sweden's alternative Nobel Prize**.

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