



## Warlis' Lesson: Peaceful Leopard Coexistence in Maharashtra

Maharashtra's indigenous Warlis teach a lesson about peaceful coexistence with leopards. Warlis living near **Sanjay Gandhi National Park**, worship leopards as their deity, showing respect instead of fear.

- **Dahisar river** flows through the **national park** and becomes a recreational center during **monsoons**.
- **Warli tribals** have a long history of encounters with leopards, viewing them as coexisting peacefully.
- The Warli culture is centered on the **concept of Mother Nature**, and natural elements are frequently depicted as focal points in **Warli painting**.
- The **Warli Tribes** perform **Tarpa Dance** along with **Tarpa music** instruments.

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