



Resourcefulness of Konda Reddi's Tribe's Knowledge

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Recently, forest officials learnt that the **bark of an Indian laurel tree or Indian Silver Oak (*Ficus microcarpa*)** stores water, particularly in the summer, as claimed by the [Konda Reddi tribe](#).

- The Indian laurel tree is native to Southeast Asia and regions of India, it thrives in tropical and subtropical climates. A glossy, **dark green-leaved evergreen tree**, its latex sap is used in making rubber products.
- Konda Reddi tribe is a [Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group](#) inhabiting the **Papikonda hill range** (Andhra Pradesh) **in the Godavari region**. Their mother tongue is Telugu with a unique accent.
- [Papikonda National Park \(PNP\)](#) was declared a reserved forest in 1882, a wildlife sanctuary in 1978, and a [national park](#) in 2008.
 - PNP has **moist deciduous forests** and includes animal species such as tigers, mouse deer, gaur etc.

Read more: [Bills to Include PVTGs to ST List in Odisha and AP, Empowering the Tribal Society](#).

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