

## **Tribals Demand for Bhil Pradesh**

## Why in News?

Recently, The Rajasthan tribal community has demanded for the creation of a new state called 'Bhil Pradesh'.

## **Key Points**

- The tribal society is demanding the creation of a new state by merging 49 districts from Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh.
  - Additionally, there is a request to incorporate 12 districts from the previous 33 districts of Rajasthan into the new state.
- Thirty-five organizations, including Adivasi Parivar, the largest group in the Bhil community, organized a huge rally.
  - Tribal people from Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra were also gathered for the meeting held at Mangarh Dham in Banswara.

## **Bhil community**

- The Bhil are **one of the largest tribal groups**, living in Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan.
- The name is derived from the word 'billu', which means bow.
- The Bhil are known to be excellent archers coupled with deep knowledge about their local geography.
- Traditionally, experts in guerrilla warfare, most of them today are farmers and agricultural labourers. They are also skilled sculptors.
- Bhil women wear traditional saris while men are dressed in long frocks and pyjamas. The woman put on heavy ornaments made of silver, brass along with rosaries of beads and silver coins and earrings.

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