




Tribes in Odisha

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Why in News

The poor implementation of government welfare programmes in the tribal areas of Odisha is affecting the tribes like **Juanga, Pudi Bhuyan**.

Juanga Tribe

- Juangas are one of the 13 **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG)** out of the total 62 tribes found in Odisha.
- They **speak** Juanga, a **dialect of Munda** language.
- They usually observe their festivals and marriage ceremony with **Changu dance**.
- Early marriage is a common practice among Juangas, leading to complications among children born out of young parents.

Pudi Bhuyan Tribe

- Pudi Bhuyan is a major section of the historically famous Bhuinya tribe.
- This tribe is majorly found in **Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal and Assam**.
- It is one of the 13 **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG)** in Odisha.
- They speak **local Odia language** which is **pronounced differently**.

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