

World Tribal Day 2026

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Ahead of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, also known as World Tribal Day, a two-day cultural festival showcasing the heritage of indigenous communities was held at Vellalar College for Women, Erode, Tamil Nadu.

About World Tribal Day

- World Tribal Day, also referred to as **International Day of World's Indigenous People**, is observed on **August 9** every year to raise awareness and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population.
- **History:**
 - The **origins** of the International Day of the World's Indigenous People date back to **December 1994**, when the **United Nations General Assembly** designated **9 August** for this annual observance.
 - This date holds symbolic significance as it **marks the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations** of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.
 - This meeting took place in **Geneva in 1982**.

- **World Tribal Day 2026 Theme: “Honouring Indigenous Midwives: Safeguarding Life and Well-being”**

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Key Facts

- **Indigenous peoples** make up less than **6% of the world’s population** but represent at least **15% of the extremely poor**.
- They are the **guardians of 28% of the Earth’s surface**, which includes **11% of the world’s forests**.
- Indigenous territories are home to most of the world’s remaining biodiversity.
- Their food systems are incredibly **self-sufficient**, producing **50-80% of their own food and resources**.

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