

What is Kui Language?

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About Kui Language:

- Kui (also known as Kandh, Khondi, Khond, Khondo), is a **South-Eastern Dravidian language spoken by the Kandha community**.
- It is **primarily spoken in the state of Odisha**.
- It is **closely related to other languages in the Dravidian family, such as Gondi and Kuvi**. It was **also referred to as the Kuinga language** during the historical period.
- With 941,988 registered native speakers, it figures at **rank 29 in the 1991 Indian census**.
- **Script:** Kui is **traditionally written using the Odia script**, which is also used for writing the Odia language.

8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution:

- It **lists the official languages of India**.
- Although there are hundreds of languages spoken across the country, the eighth schedule **recognises a total of 22 languages as the official languages**.
- **Languages in 8th Schedule:**

- The 22 languages now included in the eighth section of the Constitution are, **Manipuri, Maithili, Kashmiri, Hindi, Kannada, Gujarati, Konkani, Malayalam, Assamese, Marathi, Nepali, Bengali, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Telugu, Tamil, Odia, Urdu, Bodo, Dogri, and Santhali.**
 - **Fourteen** of these languages **were originally listed in the Constitution. Sindhi** was introduced in **1967, Konkani, Manipuri, and Nepali in 1992,** and **Santali, Dogri, Maithili, and Bodo by the 92nd Amendment Act of 2003.**
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Q1) Who are the Kandha community?

Khonds (also spelt Kondha and Kandha) are an indigenous Adivasi tribal community in India. The Kandha is numerically the largest tribe of Orissa. They organize themselves into territorial clan groups. Each clan is strictly exogamous. Kondh clans can be divided into four functional groups, namely, mondal, bismajhi, jani and pujari.

Source: [Inclusion of Kui Language in 8th Schedule of Constitution gets Odisha Cabinet nod](#)

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