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“Boda Tyohar”, the biggest annual festival of the Hati tribe in Himachal Pradesh’s Sirmour and celebrated by over three lakh community members, recently commenced with traditional fervour.

About Hatti Tribe

- The Hattis are a **close-knit community** who **take their name from their age-old professional practice of selling** their **homegrown crops at small markets called ‘Haat’** in nearby cities.
- **Hatti men traditionally don distinctive white headgear** on ceremonial occasions.
- These tribal people reside in the **Himachal-Uttarakhand border** in the **basin of the Giri and Tons rivers**, both **tributaries of the Yamuna**.
- There are **two main Hatti clans: one in the Trans-Giri area of the Sirmaur district in Himachal Pradesh** and the **other in Jaunsar Bawar of Uttarakhand**.
- The two Hatti clans have **similar traditions**, and **intermarriages are common**.

- **Jodidara** is a traditional **form of polyandrous marriage** practised among the Hatti tribe in Himachal Pradesh, where a **woman marries two or more brothers**.
 - **Polyandry** is **legally recognised in Himachal Pradesh** under revenue laws.
- Harris is governed by a **traditional council** called '**khumbli**' which decides community matters.
- **Economy**: The Hatti population relies on **agriculture** for livelihood and bare subsistence since their climate is ideal for growing "Cash Crops."
- **Population**: According to the 2011 census, members of the community numbered **2.5 lakh**, but at present the population of the Hattis is estimated at around 3 lakhs.
- **In 2023**, the Indian **government granted Scheduled Tribe (ST) status** to the Hatti community in Himachal Pradesh.
- The Jaunsar-Bawar region of Uttarakhand was granted tribal status in 1967.
- **Boda Tyohar**, also called **Magho ko Tyohar**, is the **biggest annual festival** of the Hatti tribe.

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