

Kolam Tribes

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Kolam Tribe Latest News

Recently, a pilot bamboo plantation project was initiated to restore traditional livelihoods of Kolam tribal people in Adilabad district of Telangana.

About Kolam Tribe

- Kolam tribes, also known as **Kolamboli, Kulme and Kolmi**, occupy a major portion of Madhya Pradesh.
- These tribal groups are reckoned as **scheduled tribes** and apart from Madhya Pradesh they reside in some parts of **Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh**.
- They are listed as **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG)**.
- **History:**
 - Around the twelfth century, the **Kolam served as priests for the Gond**, representing some of their important gods.
 - It is generally accepted that the Kolam descended from the original population in the area.
 - Since they now live near the Gond, they have adopted much of the Gond lifestyle.

Society and Tradition of Kolam Tribe

- The Kolam people **are divided into different clans**, like Chal Deve, Pach Deve, Saha Deve, and Sat Deve.
- Marriages between the same **clans are not permissible**.
- The Kolams use the name of their **clans as their surnames**.
- Their society is **patrilineal**, meaning that the line of descent is traced through the males.
- **Occupation:** The Kolam are mainly **farmers and forest workers**. In times past, they used shifting cultivation on the hill slopes.
- **Language:** They speak a Dravidian **language called Kolami**, and nearly all of the adults also speak **Marathi, Telugu, or Gondi**.
- For writing they uses the **famous Devnagari script**.
- The Kolam people celebrate different rituals that include **Matya or Churaghali, Bai-Baki**, Sati, Jaitur Pooja, Waghahi Pooja etc.

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