

What is the Deda Method?

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About Deda Method:

- It is a method of **preserving seeds** that his ancestors handed over to his family.
- **How do they preserve?**
 - The **seeds are preserved in leaves** and packed almost **airtight** to look like boulders from a distance.
 - The packaged seeds are, in turn, **woven with Siali leaf** (Bauhinia vahlii), which is locally known as 'addakulu' to make the deda.
 - A deda has three layers. In the first layer, **wood ash is spread** inside the Siali leaves.
 - Later, the ash is covered with **lemon leaves** to form a casing, and, lastly, the seeds are preserved inside the casing and sealed. Each deda is crafted to support at least 5kg of seeds.
- **Advantages**
 - The deda method guarantees **protection** of seed from **pests and worms**.
 - In this method, the stored seeds can be used **for cultivation for up to five years**.
 - It helps in preserving the seeds of pulses like the green gram, red gram, black gram and beans.

Key facts about Muria Tribe

- **Location:** They are located in the states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha. They **speak Koya**, which is a Dravidian language.
 - The Muria settlements are known as habitations of **Internally Displaced People** (IDPs), whose population is around 6,600 in A.P., and they here are referred **to as 'Gutti Koyas'** by the native tribes.
 - They have progressive perspective towards marriage and life as a whole. The biggest example being **the Ghotul** (a commune or dormitory), which is meant to create an environment for Muria youth to understand their sexuality.
 - Gutti Koyas' The held ST status in Chattisgarh but they were not granted ST status in their migrated states such as Telangana.
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Q1: What is the characteristic of Monocot plants?

These are marked by seeds with a single cotyledon, parallel-veined leaves, scattered vascular bundles in the stem, the absence of a typical cambium, and an adventitious root system.

Source: Muria tribes' own eco-friendly, foolproof seed preservation method

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