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The President recently interacted with Cheetah Mitras and members of the Sahariya tribe at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh's Sheopur district.

About Sahariya Tribe

- It is one of the **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG)**.
- They are also called by the names **Seher, Sair, Savar, Saonar, Sahra**, etc.
- They live on the **margins — in the forests and villages of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan**.
- They mostly live in a **distinct settlement called 'Seharana'** which is generally a **cluster of houses**.
 - The **houses** are **made of some stone boulders**, and the **roofing** is also made of **stone slabs** - **locally called Patore**.
- In some villages, mud structures are also constructed.
- **Language**: While the Sahariyas have **lost their original language**, they speak the local **dialects of the regions** they inhabit.

- **Religion:** They **practice Hinduism** infused with veneration of **local deities** like Bhavani, Gond Devta, and Bijasur, **alongside animistic elements** tied to their jungle-dwelling heritage
- The Saharia are divided into **five sub-tribes**: the **Jati, Arsi, Muli, Kindal, and Kumbi**.
 - This classification is **based primarily on occupation**.
 - The **Jati** are **farmers**; the **Arsi** are **weavers**; the **Muli** are **iron workers**; the Kindal are **basket makers**; and the **Kumbi** are **potters**.
- They are known for their **dance**, the **Saharia Swang**, which is performed during the month of Holi.
 - The dance is performed to the **beats of the dhol, nagari, and matki**.
 - It features a **male dressed in female attire** who dances around the male performers.
- **Livelihood:**
 - They are predominantly **forest dwellers** and make their living from **forest produce**, additionally **cultivating** small plots of land and work as landless labourers.
 - They are particularly skilled in **making catechu from khair trees**.

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