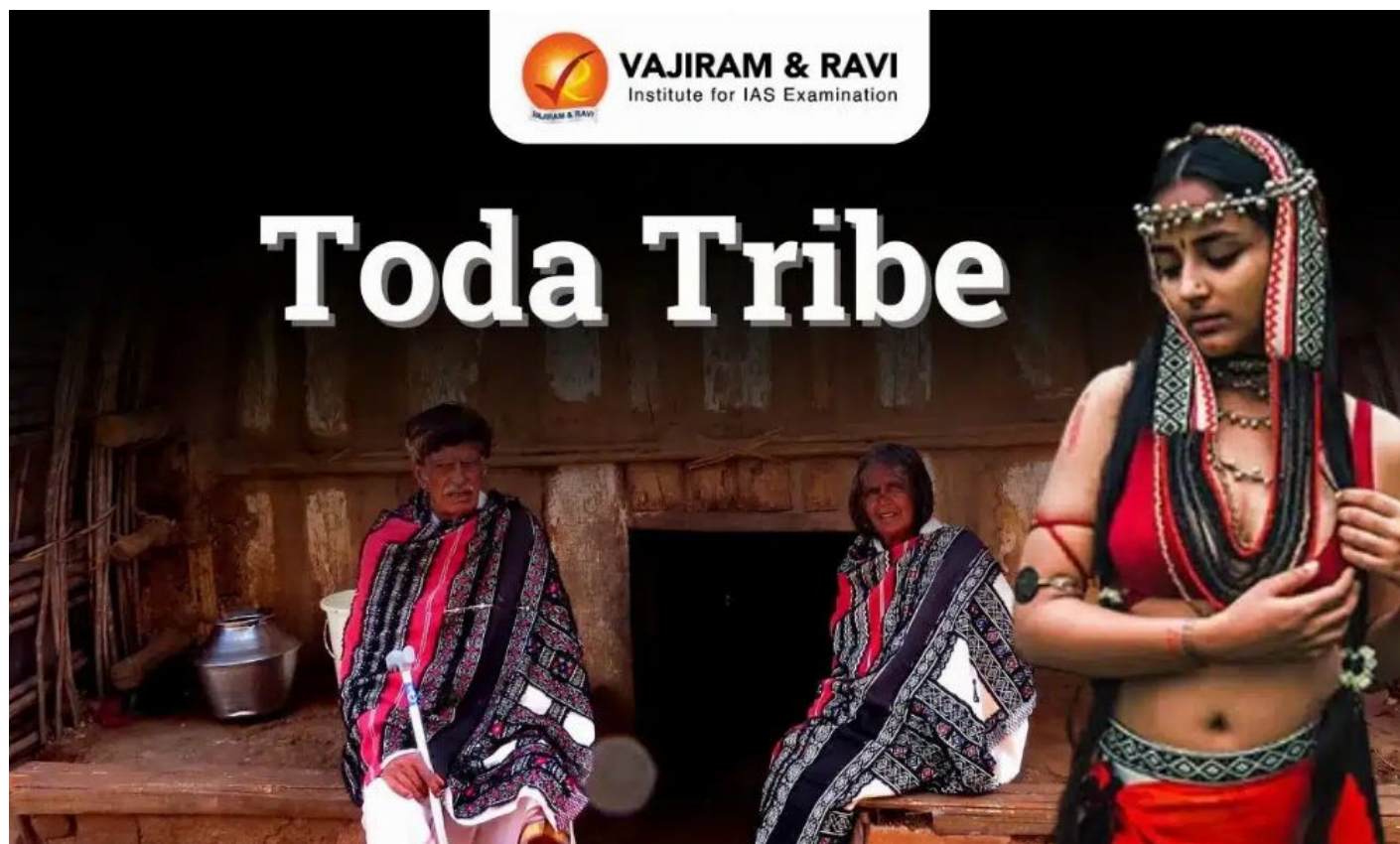


Toda Tribe

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About Toda Tribe:

- It is one of the oldest ethnic groups residing in the Upper **Nilgiris plateau in Tamil Nadu**.
- The Todas are divided into five clans, namely: **Paiki, Pekkan, Kuttan, Kenna and Todi**.
- **Language:** They have their own language, which does not have a script.
- They live in a closed community or **hamlet called mund**.
- **Society:**
 - It is a **patrilineage** descent group whose membership is based upon a rule of patrilineal descent. Their community is divided into two endogamous groups, namely **Tharthazoll and Theveioll**.
 - To maintain the social harmony or solidarity among the Toda tribal population of Todas are controlled for many generations by their **own traditional Government called 'Noim'**.
 - This Noim is headed by a Toda tribal **head-man called Monegar**. He has the full power to control the Todas and he also dispenses justice in the Toda community
- **Occupation:** This tribe is largely dependent on **buffalo herding and embroidery** for its livelihood.
- Its members are incredibly skilled artisans known for the **red-and-black embroidery** on white fabrics that has even **earned them a GI** (geographical indication) tag.

- **Festival:** They celebrate '**Modhweth**' festival, which is also called buffalo festival every year during the last Sunday of December or on the first Sunday of January.
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Q1: Who are Tribes?

They are groups of people who share common ancestry and beliefs, often living in close-knit communities.

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