

Fulani Community

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Fulani Community Latest News

A new study has found that the Fulani, one of Africa's largest pastoral populations, have a history going back to the 'Green Sahara' period (12,000–5,000 years before the present).

About Fulani Community

- The Fulani are a large and widely dispersed group of both **nomadic herders and sedentary farmers** living in the **African Sahel/Savannah belt**.
- They are concentrated principally in **Nigeria, Mali, Guinea, Senegal, and Niger** but can also be found in several other countries.
- The Fulani language, **known as Fula**, is classified within the Atlantic branch of the Niger-Congo language family.
- Fulani are divided into three groups: **Makiyaya** (herders), **Fulanin Soro** (those living in towns) and **Bararo**, which refer to Fulani living in forests. Bararo retain a close cultural connection to ancestral nature belief systems and rituals.

Social Structure of Fulani Community

- The social structure of the **pastoral Fulani is egalitarian**, in marked contrast to that of other Muslim groups, such as the Hausa.
- They value family and community, **with strong kinship ties** and clear gender roles.
- **Polygamy is practiced**, and marriage is an important cultural milestone, often accompanied by elaborate rituals and festivals.
- Their traditions are deeply intertwined with their spirituality, which is influenced by Islam, as well as their **connection to the land and nature**.
- Fulani women are also known for their skill in weaving and craftsmanship.
- Fulani women are famous **for their intricate hairstyles**, which are often adorned with beads, cowrie shells, and other decorative elements.

Fulani Community FAQs

Q1: What are the Fulani known for?

Ans: They are well known for the delicate decoration of utilitarian objects such as milk bowls that reflect their nomadic and pastoral lifestyle.

Q2: What is the Fulani caste system?

Ans: The caste system is prevalent in Fulani society which has four categories- traders, nobility, blacksmiths and successors of slaves of rich Fulani people.

Q3: What are Fulani also known as?

Ans: The Fulani people of western and north-central Africa are also called Peuhl and Fula.

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