

Baiga Tribe

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Baiga Tribe Latest News

13 children belonging to the Baiga tribe, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group, were recently rescued from bonded labour in Chhattisgarh's Kabirdham district.

About Baiga Tribe

- They are one of India's **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups** (PVTGs).
- They are found in **central India, primarily** in the state of **Madhya Pradesh**, and in smaller numbers in the surrounding states of **Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Jharkhand**.
- **Language:** The Baiga tribe primarily speaks **Baigani**, a **dialect of Chhattisgarhi** heavily **influenced by Gondi and Hindi**.
- **Livelihood:** Traditionally **semi-nomadic**, they practised **slash-and-burn cultivation**, locally **called "Bewar"**, and **now depend mainly on minor forest produce**.
- **Live-in relationships are common** among the Baiga. If marriage does take place, the man compensates the woman's family for the loss of a working member.

- **Tattooing** is integral to their culture, with **specific tattoos designated for different body parts** and age groups.
- Tattoos are made using kajal derived from Ramtilla seeds (Niger seeds).
- **Mahua Tree**: These are **fermented and distilled to prepare an intoxicant**, forming an essential part of their diet and culture.
- The Baiga tribe is the **first community in India to be granted habitat rights**, reflecting their deep connection with forests.

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