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Recently, the President of India expressed happiness that the Siddi tribal community, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group, has achieved a literacy rate of over 72 per cent.

About Siddi Tribal Community

- The Siddi community is an **Indo-African tribal community** that descended from the **Bantu community of Africa**.
- **Origin:** It is believed that they first came to India in the **7th century with Arab merchants** and in the **16th century with the Portuguese and British**, largely as slaves, servants, blacksmiths, carpenters and masons.
- **Distribution:** In the present day, the majority of them are found in the west and southwest of India, **in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Telangana states**.
- **Present Status:** In India, the Union government on January 8, 2003, classified Siddis under the list of **Scheduled Tribes**. They are included in the Centre's list of **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups**.

- **Occupation:** Traditional dependence on **agriculture, forest produce**, and manual labor
- **Language:** They speak either **Konkani, Urdu or Marathi** as their main language.
- **Culture:** They are known for their folk music and dances, such as **Dhamal and Rasda**, with men performing the Dhamal dance.

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