

Gutti Koya Tribals

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About Gotti Koya Tribe:

- They are one of the few **multi-racial and multi-lingual** tribal communities in India.
- The Koya population is concentrated in **Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha.**
- **Language:** They speak Koya, which is a **Dravidian language**. It is closely related to Gondi and has been strongly influenced by Telugu.
- **Occupation:**
 - They practice **Podu form of shifting cultivation**, as practiced by various tribal groups in forest areas has for long been an economic survival versus environmental sustenance issue.
 - They earn a living through animal husbandry and minor forest produce.
- **Festival:** The most important fair celebrated by Koyas is the **Sammakka Saralamma Jatra** once in two years on full moon day of the Magha Masam (January or February) at Medaram village in Mulug taluk of Warangal district.
- They held ST status in Chattisgarh but they were not granted ST status in their migrated states such as Telangana.
- **Society and Culture**

- All Koya belong to one of five **sub-divisions called gotrams**. Every Koya is born into a clan, and he cannot leave it.
 - The Koyas have a **patrilineal and patrilocal family**. The family is called “Kutum”. The nuclear family is the predominant type.
 - Monogamy is prevalent among the Koya
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Q1: What is Sammakka-Saralamma Jatara?

It is also known as Medaram Jatara. It is a tribal festival of honouring the goddesses celebrated in the state of Telangana, India.

News: Maoist violence: ST panel urges Centre, States to submit detailed report on status of Gotti Koya tribals

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