

Gond Painting

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About Gond Painting:

- It is a famous folk art of **the Gond tribal community of central India**.
- It is done **to preserve and communicate the culture** of the Gond tribal community.
- **Themes:** Gond tribes are highly interlinked with nature and this appears in their paintings too they include **animals, mahua tree, mythological stories, Hindu gods, Local deities and folktales** etc.
- Each Gond artist uses his distinctive pattern and style to fill the images these **style signatures** are used in collage to make a complete picture such as Dots, fine Lines, Curved Lines, Dashes Fish Scales etc.

Key facts about Gond Tribe

- The Gonds are the **largest Adivasi Community in India** and can be traced to the pre-Aryan era.
- The word Gond comes from Kond, which means green mountains.
- They are a heterogeneous group **spreading over large** areas from the Godavari gorges in the south to the Vindhya Mountains in the north.
- They live in the states of **Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, and Odisha**.
- The majority speak various mutually unintelligible dialects of **Gondi**.

Q1) What is a Mahua tree?

It is a medium-sized deciduous tree that is native to India and other parts of South Asia. It belongs to the family Sapotaceae and is known by various names such as Mahwa, Mahua. The flowers of the tree are used to produce a popular alcoholic beverage called Mahua liquor.

Source: [Madhya Pradesh's Gond painting gets GI tag](#)

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