

# BAIGA TRIBE



## CONTEXT

- Children belonging to the Baiga tribe rescued from bonded labour in Chhattisgarh.

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- Found in** - The Baiga are an ethnic group 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.



The name Baiga means “sorcerer-medicine man”.



- The Baigas in Chhattisgarh are classified as Particularly vulnerable tribal group (PVTG) by the Government due to their declining population and low level of literacy.







- They traditionally practiced shifting cultivation, locally called “Bewar” cultivation.

## PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TRIBAL GROUPS (PVTGS)




- PVTGs are the most marginalized and extreme backward sections among Scheduled Tribes (STs).

### THE CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFYING PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TRIBAL GROUPS ARE:

-  Pre-agricultural level of technology,
-  Low level of literacy,
-  Economic backwardness,
-  A declining or stagnant population.



### HISTORY OF PVTGS:

-  In 1975, acting on the Dhebar Commission report, the government identified Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) as a separate category and listed 52 tribal groups as PTGs.
-  As per 2001 census, there are 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) with a total population of 27,68,322, living in 18 States and Union Territory.
-  In 2006, PTGs were renamed as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

### RECENT GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

- The PM-PVTG Development Mission program - The programme envisions connecting all 22,544 PVTG villages to basic government services like



communications, electricity, public education, healthcare, water supply, and connectivity.



- Pradhan Mantri-Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan** - It will focus on 11 critical interventions like Provision of pucca houses, Connecting roads, Piped Water Supply, Community water supply, Mobile Medical Units with medicine cost, etc.

