

World Tribal Day

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In news- World Tribal Day is observed on 9th August every year.

About World Tribal Day

- It is observed each year around the world to protect the rights of the indigenous population.
- It is also called the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.
- The **commemoration takes place in recognition of the inaugural session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations at the United Nations in 1982, in Geneva.**
- It was the first meeting where the UN body was tasked with drafting the **Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.**
- This day was first pronounced by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December 1994, to be celebrated every year during the first International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples (1995–2004).
- In 2004, the Assembly proclaimed a Second International Decade, from 2005–2015, with the theme of "A Decade for Action and Dignity"
- Each year, UNESCO marks this day by sharing updates on projects and activities relevant to the annual theme.
- **The theme for 2021:** "Leaving no one behind: Indigenous peoples and the call for a new social contract."

Tribal Atlas

- On the occasion of World Tribal day, the state government of Chhattisgarh released the first tribal atlas of the state.
- It provides in-depth information on key demographic indicators, including population, literacy and sex ratio along with the culture of adivasis.

- **After Odisha and Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh is the third state to prepare** such an atlas for its tribal population.
- The atlas data has been prepared on the basis of information gleaned from Census 2011, surveys of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) done by TRTI and state's Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Scheduled Caste (SC) development department's information.

Permanent UN Forum on Indigenous issues

- In April 2000, The Commission on Human Rights adopted a resolution to set up the Permanent UN Forum on Indigenous issues that was presented by the Economic and Social Council.
- The forum focused and discussed the issues related to education, culture, economic and social development, environment, health, human rights, among other areas.
- The goal was mainly to strengthen international cooperation for solving problems faced by the global indigenous population.

2019-the International Year of Indigenous Languages

In the year 2016, it was reported that about 2,680 indigenous languages were in danger and on the verge of becoming extinct. Hence, UN designated 2019 to be the International Year of Indigenous Languages to persuade, convince and create awareness to people about indigenous languages.

Tribal population in India

The Scheduled Tribes are notified in 30 States/UTs and the number of individual ethnic groups, etc. notified as Scheduled Tribes is 705. The tribal population of the country, as per 2011 census, is 10.43 crore, constituting 8.6% of the total population. 89.97% of them live in rural areas and 10.03% in urban areas.