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The **Konda Reddi tribe**, a **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTGs)** living along the **Godavari River** and hilly forests of **Andhra Pradesh**, has recently highlighted the **Indian laurel tree's unique water-releasing properties** in **Papikonda National Park**.



[ref-ET news]

About the Konda Reddi Tribe:

- Recognized as a **Scheduled Tribe (ST)** in **Andhra Pradesh** and neighboring states like **Odisha** and **Tamil Nadu**, they speak **Telugu** and rely on **shifting cultivation** and the sale of **non-timber forest produce** such as **tamarind** and **adda leaves**. **Jowar** serves as their staple food.
- Their society, which is **patriarchal and patrilocal**, is governed by a **Kula Panchayat** and led by a hereditary headman known as '**Pedda Kapu**' in each village.
- The tribe also celebrates with the **Bison horn dance** during **festive and marriage occasions**.