

Kondh tribe

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Khonds or Kondha or Kandha are an **indigenous Adivasi tribal** community in India.



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About the Kondh tribes:

- The Kondh tribes belongs to the **Anstro-Asiatic Family** who is the **largest** tribal group of **Odisha**.
- They are divided into the **hill-dwelling Khonds**, and **plain-dwelling Khonds** for **census** purposes, but the **Khonds** identify themselves with their specific **clans**.
- Traditionally **hunter-gatherers**, they still practice **hunting, gathering, and slash-and-burn agriculture** in the **forests** as an assertion of their **ownership** of the **forests** wherein they dwell.
- Khonds speak the **Kui, Kuvi, and Odia language**.
 - **Kui**, and **Kuvi** are Dravidian languages and are closely related to the **Gondi language**.
- **Script:** Odia
- **Major Religion:** Hinduism and Christianity
- **Festivals:** Dussehra, Diwali, Sohraj, Sarhul, Jitia, Phagu Karma, Nawakhani and Ramnavami.
- They are designated as a **Scheduled Tribe** in the states of **Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Jharkhand** and **West Bengal**.