



Warli Adivasi Revolt

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- In **1945**, it began in **Zari village, Talasari taluka (Maharashtra)**.
- Affected from the exploitation from the landlords and money-lenders, nearly 5,000 indentured tribals gathered and refused to work on landlords' fields until they received 12 annas a day in wages.
 - Their resistance sowed the first seeds of **rights-based movements** among the region's indigenous communities.
- **Women played an important role** in the revolt and helped the men in all possible aspects.
 - The involvement of the women was supported by the **Kisan Sabha leader, Godaveri Parulekar**, also known as **Godutai** (elder sister) by the Adivasis.
 - Women followed her and spoke at meetings about the oppression they faced and encouraged other women to join the struggle.



Warli Tribe

- They are spread across Thane, Nashik and Dhule districts of **Maharashtra**, Valsad district of **Gujarat, Karnataka, Goa** and the Union Territories of **Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu**.
- They are **small-scale cultivators** and cultivate **rice, pulses and vegetables**. They also sell **toddy, mahua** and **fuelwood** to their tribesmen and neighbouring communities for a living.
- Warli are **nature worshippers**.

- **Warli art** stems from their belief system shaped by their centuries-old subsistence on forest land.
- They **did not have a written word** until recent times and their art was a way of transmitting their belief systems from one generation to the next.
- Their drawings revolve around **community traditions**, the tools they use and their association with nature.

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