



## Gond Tribals & Covid-19

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### Why in News

- While people are struggling for masks and sanitizers in the urban areas, **Gond tribal** people living in **Panna, Madhya Pradesh** have devised **their own way to make masks to fight coronavirus.**
- **Tribal** people are **making masks with medicinal leaves** and following **traditional ways** to prevent the spread of the **coronavirus.**

### Gond Tribe

- Gonds are one of the largest tribal groups in the world.
- They mostly live in **Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Odisha.**
- Gonds are subdivided into **four tribes:**
  - Raj Gonds
  - Madia Gonds
  - Dhurve Gonds
  - Khatulwar Gonds
- Their staple food is two kinds of millet: **kodo and kutki.**  
**Rice** is mostly consumed during festival feasts.
- Gonds believe that earth, water and air are ruled by Gods.
- They majorly speak **Gondi** which is an unwritten language of the **Dravidian family.**
- It has been notified as a **Scheduled Tribe.**

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