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## Tribals Demand for Bhil Pradesh | Rajasthan | 19 Jul 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, The **Rajasthan tribal community** has **demande**d for the creation of a new state called '**Bhil Pradesh**'.

### Key Points

- The tribal society is demanding the creation of a new state by **merging 49 districts from Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh**.
  - Additionally, there is a request to **incorporate 12 districts from the previous 33 districts of Rajasthan** into the new state.
- **Thirty-five organizations**, including **Adivasi Parivar**, the **largest group in the [Bhil community](#)**, organized a huge rally.
  - Tribal people from Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra were also gathered for the **meeting held at Mangarh Dham in Banswara**.

### Bhil community

- The Bhil are **one of the largest tribal groups**, living in Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan.
- The name is derived from the word 'billu', which means bow.
- The Bhil are known to be excellent archers coupled with **deep knowledge about their local geography**.
- Traditionally, experts in guerrilla warfare, most of them today are farmers and agricultural labourers. They are also skilled sculptors.
- Bhil **women wear traditional saris** while **men are dressed in long frocks and pyjamas**. The woman put on **heavy ornaments made of silver, brass** along with rosaries of beads and silver coins and earrings.

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## Rajasthan Citizenship Camps for Minority | Rajasthan | 19 Jul 2024

### Why in News?

The **Rajasthan government** is going to organize special **camp**s to [grant Indian citizenship to minority refugees](#) from **Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Bangladesh**.

### Key Points

- The **rules and procedures for granting Indian citizenship to [minority refugees](#)** from

Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Bangladesh **have been simplified**. District collectors are now authorized to issue citizenship certificates.

- According to the sources, **2,329 people have been granted citizenship in the state** from 2016 to 2024.
  - A total of **1,566 applications are pending at present**. Of these, Intelligence Bureau reports are awaited in 300 cases.

## Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019

- The [Citizenship \(Amendment\) Act, 2019](#) seeks to amend the [Citizenship Act, 1955](#).
- The CAA provides citizenship on the basis of religion to six undocumented non-Muslim communities (**Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians**) from **Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh** who entered India on or before **31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014**.
- It exempts the members of the **six communities** from any criminal case under the [Foreigners Act, 1946](#) and the [Passport Act, 1920](#).
  - The two Acts specify punishment for **entering the country illegally** and staying here on **expired visas and permits**.

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