



Satnamis Protest

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Recently, a large mob from the **Satnami community in Chhattisgarh**'s Baloda Bazar district attacked the Superintendence of Police (SP) office, over the alleged desecration of a '**jaitkhamb**' (**victory pillar, a sacred structure for the Satnami community**).

Satnami Community:

- It is the largest [Scheduled Caste \(SC\)](#) community, including peasants, artisans, and untouchables in Chhattisgarh.
- It was founded by Guru Ghasidas, a 19th-century saint, who preached [monotheism](#), believing in one God called Satnam "Truthful Name" and social equality.
- They've faced challenges in securing land rights, obtaining fair employment opportunities, and accessing education and healthcare encountered social prejudice and haven't had a strong voice in government.
- The Chhattisgarh government renamed a section of the **Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve** to [Guru Ghasidas National Park](#) in his honour.

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