



Tribals Demand for Bhil Pradesh

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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