



# Baiga Tribal Artist Jodhaiya Bai Passed Away

## Why in News?

Recently, **Jodhaiya Bai**, a renowned **Baiga tribal artist** and **Padma Shri** awardee, passed away in Umariya district of Madhya Pradesh after a prolonged illness.

## Key Points

- **Contribution to Baiga Tribal Art:**
  - Jodhaiya Bai played a **pivotal role in gaining international recognition for Baiga tribal art.**
  - She was honored with the Padma Shri award in 2023 for her significant contributions to the field of arts.
- **Condolences from the Chief Minister:**
  - The Chief Minister expressed deep grief over her demise. He stated that both **Madhya Pradesh and the country have lost an artist who dedicated her life to promoting tribal culture, art, and traditions** nationally and internationally.

## Baiga Tribe

- The Baiga (means sorcerers) is **one of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).**
- They mainly live in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
- Traditionally, the Baiga lived a **semi-nomadic life and practised slash and burn cultivation.** Now, they are mainly dependent on **minor forest produce** for their livelihood.
  - **Bamboo** is the primary resource.
- **Tattooing is an integral part of Baiga culture**, every age and body part has a specific tattoo reserved for the occasion.

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