



Rajasthan Tribal Movement

Why in News?

A popular movement in the [tribal-dominated regions of southern Rajasthan](#) is working to **preserve [indigenous seed varieties](#)**, many of which are on the brink of extinction. This effort is promoting [crop diversity](#) and enhancing [climate resilience](#).

Key Points

- In the **tribal belt at the tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat**, thousands of tribal people, from about 1,000 villages and hamlets took part in a series of **Beej Utsavs**, or seed festivals.
 - The seed festivals **exhibited traditional seeds** and held **interactive sessions on their properties and significance**.
 - The tribals were encouraged to **protect their rich heritage of biodiversity** through farm practices handed down through several generations.
- **Indigenous seeds** are an important legacy preserved by tribal communities in the midst of the increasing influence of [multinational companies](#) in the [agriculture sector](#).
- Banswara-based voluntary group **Vaagdhara** was the **main organiser of the Beej Utsav** events, which were facilitated by other [tribal rights groups](#), such as **Krishi Evum Adivasi Swaraj Sangathan, Gram Swaraj Samooh, Saksham Samooh, and Baal Swaraj**.

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