

Konda Veduru Bamboo in the Godavari Valley

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The **Konda Veduru bamboo variety** (*Dendrocalamus strictus*), often referred to as the '**Green Gold**', plays a significant role in the cultural, nutritional, and economic practices of the **Konda Reddi tribe**.

- Konda Veduru Bamboo: Native to the Eastern Ghats, primarily found in the Godavari river valley (spreads across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha and Chhattisgarh).
 - Konda Veduru bamboo shoots is a staple food for the Konda Reddi tribe. Known for its nutritional benefits, rich in proteins, amino acids, vitamins, and iron, with women traditionally harvesting the Bamboo shoots.
- Konda Reddi Tribe: The Konda Reddis, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group in Andhra Pradesh, follow Folk Hinduism (worship of local deities, household deities).
 - The family structure is patriarchal and patrilocal, with socially accepted marriage practices such as love and exchange.
 - Governed by a Kula Panchayat and led by hereditary headmen, their livelihood relies on shifting cultivation.

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