

Abujhmadiya tribe

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Why in News?

Recently, members of the Abujhmadiya tribe have been participating in the Bastar Olympics' tournament in growing numbers.

- The Abujhmadiya tribe, also known as Abujh Maria, is a <u>Particularly</u> <u>Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG)</u> found in central India.
- Location Primarily inhabit the Abujhmarh region in Narayanpur district, Chhattisgarh and found in parts of Maharashtra and Odisha
- Habitat They live in dense forested, hilly terrain.
- Social & Cultural Features
 - Belong to the Gond tribal group
 - \circ Traditionally semi-nomadic
 - Practice community living and collective decision-making
 - Society is largely egalitarian

Livelihood

- Shifting cultivation (jhum)
- Collection of minor forest produce
- $_{\circ}$ Hunting and fishing (traditionally)

Language

- Speak Abujh Maria, a dialect of the Gondi language
- $_{\circ}$ Part of the Dravidian language family

Beliefs

- Practice **animism**
- $_{\circ}$ Worship nature spirits, ancestors, and village deities
- Have minimal influence of mainstream religions

Reference

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