

Abujhmadiya tribe

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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 **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG)** 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
 - Traditionally semi-nomadic
 - Practice community living and collective decision-making
 - Society is largely egalitarian
- **Livelihood**
 - Shifting cultivation (jhum)
 - Collection of minor forest produce
 - Hunting and fishing (traditionally)
- **Language**
 - Speak **Abujh Maria**, a dialect of the Gondi language
 - Part of the Dravidian language family
- **Beliefs**
 - Practice **animism**
 - Worship nature spirits, ancestors, and village deities
 - Have minimal influence of mainstream religions

Reference

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