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Recently, tribal people from the **Hakki Pikki tribal community** in **Karnataka** got **title deeds** to the **land** they had been cultivating for about a century.



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About Hakki Pikki Tribe:

- They are a **semi-nomadic tribe**, traditionally bird catchers and hunters and a designated **Scheduled Tribe** of Karnataka.
- They mainly reside in **Bannerghatta National Park (BNP)** of **Karnataka**.
 - Iruliga tribals are also present at the edge of BNP.
- In **1974**, the **Bannerghatta** wooded area was declared as a **National Park**, leading to the **criminalisation** of these communities living on the edges of the forest.
- **Hakki** in Kannada means '**bird**' and **Pikki** means '**catchers**'.
- They are divided into 4 clans, called **Gujaratia**, **Panwar**, **Kaliwala**, and **Mewaras**.
- There is a hierarchy among the **clans**, with the **Gujaratia** at the **top** and the **Mewaras** at the **bottom**.
- It is believed that their **ancestral relation** is with the **Rana pratap Singh**.
- Tribe members go to many places across the globe to sell **herbal oil**, especially in **Africa**.

Where do the Hakki Pikkis live in India?

- They are believed to hail originally from the bordering districts of **Gujarat** and **Rajasthan**.
- **Reason:** Women used to wear the **ghagra** (skirt) common in **Rajasthan**, although now they wear **saris** and other **garments**.
- They had arrived in **Karnataka** via **Andhra Pradesh** and are now spread across south India.

Rituals and Customs

- Hakki Pikkis follow **Hindu traditions**.
- The **eldest son** in a family is **not** supposed to cut his **hair** so that he can be **identified easily**.
- They prefer **cross-cousin marriages**, with the usual age of marriage is **18** for **women** and **22** for **men**.
- The society is matriarchal and follow **monogamy**.

- **Monogamy**: it is a form of **dyadic relationship** in which an individual has only one partner during the length of the relationship.