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Celebrating the vibrant culture of the 13 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) of Odisha

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Birhor

The term Birhor means forest (Bir) and people (Hor). They are semi-nomadic in nature and majorly found in the district of Mayurbhanj, Sundergarh & Sambalpur.

JANUARY

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01 - New Year
03 - Paush Purnima
14 - Makara Sankranti





Lanjia Saora

Lanjia Saora, also called "Hill-Saora", are a sub-section of the Soara tribe. They are experts in terrace cultivation, shifting cultivation in addition to having elaborate religious lifestyles, and beautiful wall paintings and 'icon' pictorgrams.

FEBURARY

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12 - Maghe Parab
21 - International Mother Language Day
22 - Baha Bonga

Paudi Bhuiyan

Paudi Bhuiyan are a major section of the historically famous Bhuiyan tribe, found in Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal & Assam.

MARCH

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03 - Baa Porob & Dola Purnima
04 - Holi





Saora

Saora are an ancient tribe found in almost all districts of the State but mainly concentrated in the mountainous territory of the Eastern Ghats in Rayagada distrcit of Odisha.

APRIL

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02 - Chait Parab
14 - Mahavisubha Sankranti
24 - Panchayatiraj Divas
03 - Good Friday
05 - Easter Sunday

Hill Kharia

Hill Khadia is the highland group among the Kharia. The Kharia mosty inhabit forest ranges of Balasore, Keonjhar, Sundargarh, Dhenkanal and Sambalpur.

MAY

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05 - Pandit Raghunath Murmu Jayanti &
Birth Anniversary of Dharanidhar Naik





Bonda

The Bonda Paroja or Bonda Paraja identify themselves as 'Remo', meaning 'Man', but are popularly known as 'Bonda'. They largey live in Malkangiri district of Odisha.

JUNE

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15 - Raja Sankranti

Lodha

This tribe derives its name from the word 'Lubdhaka', meaning flower or trapper. They identify themselves with pride as 'Lodha Savar', and largely reside in Mayurbhanj & Cuttack.

JULY

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16 - Rath Yatra (Sri Gundicha)
24 - Bahuda Yatra





Kutia Kondh

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AUGUST

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27 - Raksha Bandhan

Chuktia Bhunjia

Chuktia Bhunjia are a small and well known tribe of Western Odisha, who consider themselves to be a pure section of the Bhunjia tribe. They are confined exclusively to the hills of Sonabera plateau, Nuapada district of Odisha.

SEPTEMBER

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15th - Nuakhai





Didayi

The Didayi is a small, hill dwelling tribe of Southern Odisha, who identify themselves as 'Gatare', meaning 'the people'. They are only found in 42 settlements scattered over a compact patch of remote hill in the Kondakamberu ranges of the Eastern Ghats.

OCTOBER

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10 - Mahalaya

Dongaria Kondh

As the name 'dongar' (or high-hill land) suggests, the Dongaria Kondh are a hill dwelling community . They are a sub setion of the Kondh tribe,living in the Bissamcuttak and Muniguda blocks of Gunpur, and Kalyanisinghpur block of Raygada district.

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15 - Birth Anniversary of Dharti Aba Birsa Munda
22 - Birth Anniversary of Sahi Laxman Naik
17 - 26 Durga Puja Vacation
24 - Karthik Purnima





Juanga

The word Juanga means 'sons of man'. in the past, this community was called 'Pattua' because they dressed themselves with leaves. This tribe mainly inhabits the districts of Keonjhar & Dhenkanal in Odisha.

DECEMBER

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01 - Prathamastami
10 - Birth Anniversary of Rendo Majhi
25 - Christmas