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INDIAN TRIBES

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Introduction

“ Tribal rights with regards to lands and forests should be respected, the development of tribal's along the line of their own genesis without imposing anything on them, attempts should be made to train and build up a team of tribal themselves to do the work of administration and development”

- Jawaharlal Nehru

A tribe is a group of people in a primitive or barbarous stage of development acknowledging the authority of a chief and usually regarding them as having a common ancestor. A tribe is viewed, developmentally or economic, historically, as a social group existing outside of or before the development of state. A tribe is a group of distinct people, dependent on their land for livelihood, who are largely self-sufficient, and not integrated into the national society. It is perhaps the term most readily understood and used by the general public to describe such communities.

The distinction between tribal and indigenous is important because tribal peoples have a special status acknowledged in international law. They often face particular issues in addition to those faced by the wider category of indigenous peoples. Many people used the term