

India

- **Government of India Ministry of Tribal Affairs**

The Ministry was set up in 1999 to provide a focused approach to the integrated socio-economic development of the Scheduled Tribes who are amongst the poorest people in India.

- [State/Union Territory-wise list of Scheduled Tribes in India](#)
- [Tribal Research Institutes](#)
- [Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd \(TRIFED\)](#)
<https://trifed.tribal.gov.in/>
- [Acts and Rules](#)
- [Key Statistics](#)
- [Annual Report 2018-19](#)
<https://tribal.nic.in/>

- **Indian Tribal Images**

An initiative started by Shrikrishna Paranjpe, a photojournalist and founder of Balmudra Development & Research Centre, an NGO in Pune which aims to preserve a record of tribal culture and history in the face of modernisation and integration. Shrikrishna has photographed more than 200 tribes across India.

<https://indiantribalimages.com/>

NGOs mentioned in the profile:

- **Dhank**

Dhank is a social enterprise providing skills training in handicrafts to empower village women living around Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve to benefit from sustainable livelihoods linked to tiger tourism and through this, to help protect tigers and avoid man-animal conflict. Other benefits given to the participants and their families include female child education, healthcare, loans, micro-finance for buying livestock and machinery, counselling on issues such as education and domestic violence and raising awareness of conservation.

<https://dhank.com/>



Photo: Dhank

- **Last Wilderness Foundation**

A foundation increasing awareness about India's wildlife, its forests and the plight of its tribal populations working to conserve natural heritage and contribute to the sustainable development of the villages and tribal settlements on the peripheries of its forests.

<http://thelastwilderness.org/>

- **SOS Care India**

An ISO 9001 certified organisation working across India to empower women through education, training and healthcare. Activities include entrepreneurship and skill development in specific sectors such as leather craft, woodwork, matting and basket weaving, pottery, handicrafts and eco-friendly products.

<http://soscareindia.org/>

- **Umang**

Umang (Mahila Umang Producers company) is a producer-owned women's cooperative in the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand in India. The women are organised into self help groups producing a range of organic artisan products including fruit preserves, pickles and woollens which provide new income and a sense of empowerment and confidence to these hill women. Members are able to get loans. Profits are distributed amongst the group in proportion to work done.

<https://umang-himalaya.com/>

Nepal

- **Indigenous Voices**

An organisation run by journalists seeking to give a voice to the indigenous communities of Nepal and provide a web portal of resources including [profiles on the different indigenous peoples](#).

www.indigenousvoice.com/en/

USEFUL PUBLICATIONS

Indigenous People and The Travel Industry: Global Good Practice Guidelines, George Washington University International Institute of Tourism Studies, G Adventures and the Planeterra Foundation

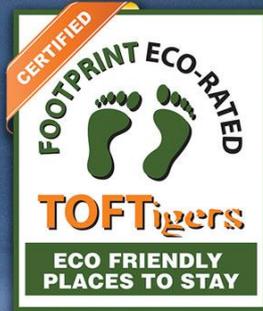


Cultural heritage and enterprise combined - Satpura women learning the lost local traditional craft skill of macramé knotting to make plant hangers and handbags at Forsyth Lodge. Read case study in Local Economy profile.



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