

## What does it mean to be Socially Marginalised:

- Marginalization-to treat a person or a group that they are not important.
- May have felt marginalized in classroom or in the whole India in economic, political, social sphere.
- Marginalized group often feel hostile and powerless by dominant sections



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**Adivasis and Marginalisation**  
An Adivasi Family in Delhi Soma and Helen are watching the Republic Day parade on TV with their grandfather.



Oh see! An adivasi float!

Dadu why do they always show adivasis as only dancing?



Yes, don't they know anything else about us!

The lives of adivasis are very rich; most people don't know that.



Suddenly we were told that the forest was not ours. Forest officials and contractors cut down large parts of it. If we protested they beat us and then took us to court, where we did not have our lawyers and could not fight our cases.

When I was young, our village in Odisha was beautiful. We got everything we needed from the land and the forests around us. We in turn respected the land, the forest, the river.



Then how did you survive, Dadu?



Then the companywallahs came. They said there was iron ore under our land, they wanted to mine it. They promised jobs and money, if we sold our land to them. Some villagers were excited. Others said this would destroy our lives and we would get nothing. Some gave thumbprints, not realising they were selling their lands off. Only a few were given token jobs. But most of us did not sell...





## Who are Adivasis:

- 8% of India is filled with adivasi(original inhabitants)in Manipur ,Orissa,meghalya,jharhand etc.
- In todays world most of the industries(minning are located in adivasi areas-jameshedpur, bokaro, bhilai,Rourkela.





- There is no hierarchy system between adivasi (speaks santhali) worship sacred groves, tantric and jagnath cult got from adivasi.



## Adivasis and Stereotyping:

- Adivasi often seen everywhere as primitive with headgear, dancing, costumes, exotic and backward.
- We don't know too much about them and people portrait them as stereotyped.





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## Adivasis and Development:

- Many empires were depended on forest for animals,herbs,honey,wax,copper ,metal ore, gold etc.
- Due to the advancement of india,adivasis were forced to leave their own homes and work in the plantation,domestic,construction workers.



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- Empires were depended on adivasis as they have the full access to the forest and it was ruled by them.
- 79% were displaced from A.P and Chhattisgarh and 50% of their land where taken for mining.
- They lost their tradition, customs way of living, well, temple, cremation grounds



## Minorities and Marginalisation:

- Constitution safeguards their culture and diversity.
- Constitution safeguards minority and from the dominant groups.
- Marginalized groups often face discrimination as constitution protects them from it.





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## Muslims and Marginalisation:

- Muslims are marginalized in (population 13.4%) in (electricity-30% in (piped water-19.4% in (katcha houses-63.6%))
- They are deprived of the basic facilities that other groups get education, jobs etc.





- They tend to do be identified differently just because of their religion, burqa, long beard.
- We have to safeguard and protect the diversity that makes our country unique.



## Conclusion:

- There are different kinds of groups faced problems in a different sense with struggle.
- Marginalized groups want to maintain their community while having access to education and rights.





## EXERCISES

### Question 1.

**Write in your own words two or more sentences of what you understand by the word 'marginalization'.**

### Answer:

- Marginalization is the social process of being confined to a lower social standing. Marginalization involves people not getting importance and treated differently.

## Question 2.

**List two reasons why Adivasis are becoming increasingly marginalized.**

### Answer:

- The Adivasis are portrayed negatively as exotic, primitive and backward people and are represented through colorful costumes and headgears. This has led to the marginalization of this community in modern India.



## Question 3.

**Write one reason why you think the Constitution's safeguards to protect minority communities are very important?**

## Answer:

Safeguards are needed to protect minority communities against the possibility of being culturally dominated by the majority and being marginalized.

## Question 4.

**Re-read the section on Minorities and Marginalization. What do you understand by the term minority?**

## Answer:

The term minority is most commonly used to refer to communities that are numerically small in relation to the rest of the population along with constitution safeguards fundamental rights where they should not face discrimination.

## Question 5.

**Would you agree with the statement that economic and social marginalization are interlinked? Why?**

Yes, economic and social marginalization is interlinked. When Adivasis were displaced from their lands, they lost much more than a source of income. They lost their traditions and customs – a way of living and being. Destruction in one sphere impacts the other.