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News: Hakki Pikki Tribal Community

- Recently, members of Hakki Pikki community have been reported to be stuck in violence – hit Sudan.

Hakki Pikki Community

- The Hakki Pikki tribe is a semi-nomadic tribe traditionally engaged in bird catching and hunting, living in forest areas in west and south India.
- It is a Scheduled Tribe in Karnataka and their origin is said to be an ancestral relation with the legendary Ranapratap Singh.

Origination and Settlement

- The Hakki Pikki tribe is believed to have originated from Gujarat and Rajasthan and migrated to south India via Andhra Pradesh.
- The tribe is divided into four clans and has a population of 11,892 in Karnataka.
- The 4 clans are Gujaratia, Panwar, Kaliwala and Mewaras and can be equated with castes in the traditional Hindu society.

Society

- The usual age of marriage among the tribe is 18 for women and 22 for men, and cross-cousin marriages are preferred.
- The society is matriarchal, and Monogamy is the norm.
- Hakki Pikkis in Karnataka follow Hindu traditions and celebrate all Hindu festivals.
- Education levels among the Hakki Pikkis are still low.

Livelihood

- The forest is the main natural resource of the Hakki Pikki.
- The tribe has faced challenges due to stricter wildlife protection laws, leading them to shift from hunting to selling herbal oils, spices, and plastic flowers in local temple fairs.

Migration to Africa

- In recent years, members of the Hakki Pikki tribe have been travelling to African countries to sell their products as there is a huge demand for Ayurvedic products in the continent.
- African countries offer better market opportunities, with the potential for higher returns on investment in raw materials such as hibiscus powder, oil extraction, gooseberry, Ayurvedic plants, etc.

