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# Mangarh Dham

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**Why is in news?** PM attends public programme 'Mangarh Dham ki Gaurav Gatha'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi attended a public programme 'Mangarh Dham ki Gaurav Gatha' and paid homage to the sacrifices of unsung tribal heroes and martyrs of the freedom struggle.

The Prime Minister said that it is always inspiring to be in the **holy land of Mangarh** which is a symbol of tapasya, sacrifice, bravery and sacrifice of our tribal brave hearts.

Mangarh is a **shared heritage of the people of Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.**

Mangarh Dham is known for the **massacre of tribals by the British Indian Army** in 1913.

This place is widely referred to as **Adivasi Jallianwala.**

About 1,500 Bhil tribals and forest dwellers were killed at Mangarh on November 17, 1913, when the British Indian Army opened fire on the protesters.

The people were gathered to **demand abolition of bonded labour system and relaxation in heavy agricultural taxes** imposed by the rulers of princely states.

The tribals in the southern Rajasthan region were **led by social reformer Govind Guru.**

## **Bhils:**

Bhils are a group of tribal Indians **scattered throughout India from Gujarat in the west to Tripura** in the Far East.

**As of 2013**, they were the **largest tribal group in India** with the majority living in the states of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh.

Bhils have a rich and unique culture. The Bhilala subdivision is known for its **Pithora painting.**

**Ghoomar** is a traditional **folk dance** of the Bhil tribe. **Ghoomar is the symbol of femininity.**

The young women take part in this dance and declare that they are stepping into women's shoes.

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