

Aheria in India



The name Aheria means hunter because this was their main occupation prior to the 1920s.

However, in 1920, hunting was banned, and this led to the disappearance of their principal occupation. The community now engages mainly in farming. They supplement their income by selling firewood. They are a scheduled caste, low in status among other Hindus. They regularly visit the temple of their tribal deity Vijaisan Mataji.

Ministry Obstacles

People can expect spiritual opposition as workers present Jesus to the Hindu communities of India. They need to be prayerfully prepared.

Outreach Ideas

Literacy classes combined with discipleship based on His Living Word should be effective.

Prayer Focus

Pray for secret believers since there are no known churches among the Aheria. Pray the Holy Spirit will soften Aheria hearts to open more fully to His revelation. As a scheduled caste, the Aheria remain one of the



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POPULATION: 198,000

LANGUAGE: Hindi

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

disadvantaged groups in India. Pray they will overcome this stigma and put their identity in Christ rather than their community status. Pray especially for an improving literacy rate. Pray they will come to understand and believe God's Son, Jesus, who will give them life to the full if they place their faith in him.

SCRIPTURE I say to the LORD, You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you. Psalm 16:2

PRAY that this people group will understand that they have many good things, all of which came only from God the creator.