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ādivāsī (earliest inhabitants)

In Jharkhand, they want the Sarna Code to denote their religion. In Ladakh, they want to be recognised under the Fifth/Sixth Schedule for protection and power. The indigenous communities in India are now asserting their political and religious identity



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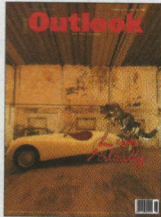


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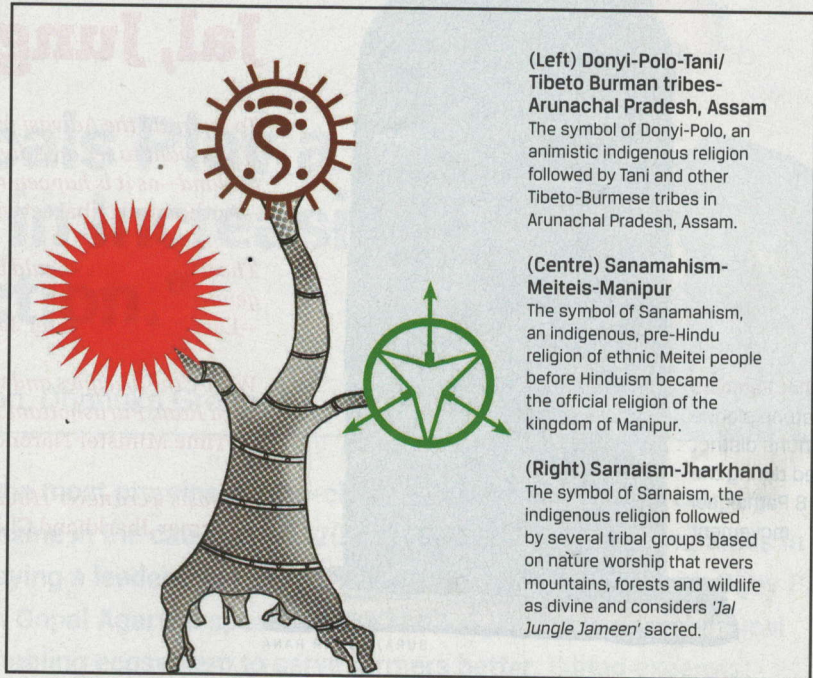
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(Left) Donyi-Polo-Tani/ Tibeto Burman tribes- Arunachal Pradesh, Assam

The symbol of Donyi-Polo, an animistic indigenous religion followed by Tani and other Tibeto-Burmese tribes in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam.

(Centre) Sanamahism- Meiteis-Manipur

The symbol of Sanamahism, an indigenous, pre-Hindu religion of ethnic Meitei people before Hinduism became the official religion of the kingdom of Manipur.

(Right) Sarnaism-Jharkhand

The symbol of Sarnaism, the indigenous religion followed by several tribal groups based on nature worship that reveres mountains, forests and wildlife as divine and considers 'Jal Jungle Jameen' sacred.

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