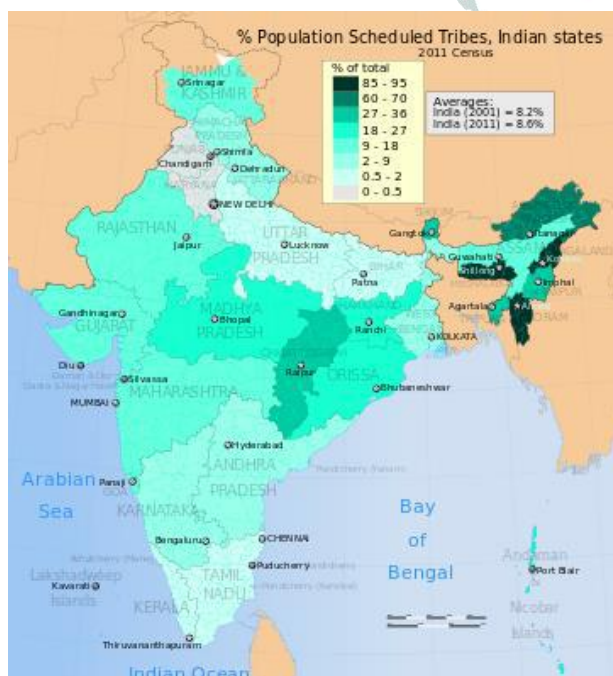


The Tribal Panchsheel:

1. **The tribals should develop along the lines of their own genius;** there should be no imposition or compulsion from outside. The non-tribals should not approach them with a superiority complex. Rather, the understanding should be that they had an equal contribution to make to the evolution of the common culture and social and political life of the country.
2. **Tribal rights in land and forests should be respected** and no outsider should be able to take possession of tribal lands. The incursion of the market economy into tribal areas had to be strictly controlled and regulated.
3. It was necessary to **encourage the tribal languages** which 'must be given all possible support and the conditions in which they can flourish must be safeguarded'.
4. **Reliance should be placed on the tribal people themselves for administration,** and administrators should be recruited from amongst them and trained. As few as possible outsiders should be introduced as administrators in tribal areas and they should be carefully chosen. They should have a sympathetic and understanding approach, and should not consider themselves superior to or apart from the tribal people. They should be prepared to share their life with the tribal people among whom they work.
5. **There should be no over-administration of tribal areas.** The effort should be to administer and develop the tribals' through their own social and cultural institutions.

Various Constitutional Provisions



Keeping the Panchsheel in mind, several provisions were provided in the constitution to protect as well as develop the tribals in India.