

# Padhar

Unreached & Unengaged People Group in India

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The caste name identifies them as those who eat the root of certain plant.

They are divided into several clans, and marriages occur across clans.

Padhar are monogamous and hold their marriages when the girls reach 18-20 and boys are 20-25 years old. They still practice a type of bride price or dowry. At 550 Indian Rupees (a little over 9 U.S. Dollars), it is not as high as the dowry of other castes.

Each clan has its own leader and each village has a *patel*, who resolves disputes at the village level.



## Population

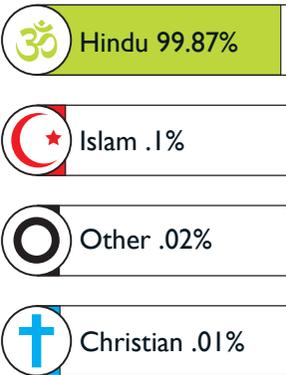


Padhar India 27,000 >1.3 billion

## Livelihood

The Padhar are landless, agricultural laborers. This small community feeds cattle, raises goats and are commercial fisherman and trappers. They have little to no education and spend most of their time working in the sun.

## Religion



## Language



Most Padhar are illiterate

Due to poor education, the Padhar are unable to read any Bible materials available in Gujarati.

## Jesus Heals

A young Padhar man with an injured finger came to a meeting of believers at the home of his aunt. Hundreds prayed that day and every day after for healing in Jesus' name.

Two weeks later the young man was back at work, his finger completely healed.

His healing story has been told to newcomers as a testimony of the power of Jesus to heal. The Padhar believe it was Jesus who healed and they encourage others to believe in Jesus and His power.

## Engaging with God

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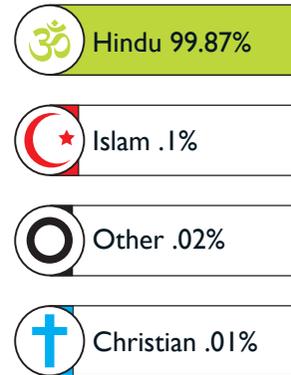


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