

MFC-004

**Master of Arts  
MA Folklore & Culture Studies**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**(For July, 2025 & January 2026 Sessions)**

**MFC004: Tribes of India: Identity, Culture and Lore**



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## MFC004:Tribes of India: Identity, Culture and Lore

Programme: MAFCS

CourseCode:MFC-004/2025-26

Dear Student

You are required to do this assignment for the MA Folklore & Culture Studies Programme - Course titled Tribes of India: Identity, Culture and Lore, Code MFC – 004, which will be a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) and will carry 100 marks.

**Aims:** This assignment is concerned mainly with assessing your application and your understanding of the course material. You are not to reproduce chunks of information from the course material but to use the skills of critical appreciation that you may have acquired during the course of study. This assignment aims to teach as well as to assess your performance.

**Guidelines:** You are required to attempt all questions in your own words and hand written Assignments should be submitted on time.

**Instructions:** Before attempting the questions please read the following instructions carefully.

As in day-to-day life, **planning** is important in attempting the assignment as well. Read the assignment carefully; go through the units on which the questions are based; jot down some points regarding each question and then re-arrange them in a logical order. In the essay-type answer, pay attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must tell you how to interpret the given topic and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarize your views on the topic. Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasize. **You should submit the assignment in your own handwriting.**

Make sure that your answer:

- a) is logical
- b) is written in simple and correct English
- c) does not exceed the number of words indicated in your questions
- d) is written neatly and clearly.

**Please remember that it is compulsory to submit your assignment before you can take the Term End Examination. Also remember to keep a copy of your assignment with you and to take a receipt from your Study Centre when you submit the assignment.**

1. Write your Enrolment Number, Name, Full Address and Date on the top right corner of the first page of your response sheet(s).
3. Write the Course Title, Assignment Number and the Name of the Study Centre you are attached to in the centre of the first page of your response sheet(s).

The top of the first page of your response sheet should look like this:

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4. Use foolscap/A4 size paper for your response and tag all the pages carefully.
5. Write the relevant question number with each answer.

**Last Date for Submission of Assignment:**

**For the December TEE: 30<sup>th</sup> September For**

**the June TEE: 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Good Luck!**

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Coverage: All Blocks

**MFC-004 TRIBES OF INDIA: IDENTITY, CULTURE AND LORE**

**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**

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Assignment Code : MFC-004/TMA-01/2025-26  
Coverage : All Blocks  
Maximum Marks : 100

**Attempt all questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

1. Discuss various characteristic features of tribes in India and their mode of livelihood or subsistence patterns (20)
2. Discuss various survival strategies of Tribes in India with a case study (20)
3. What are the political processes of the Indian constitution that define the relation between tribe, politics and development. (20)
4. Distinguish the following: (4x5)  
(A) Nomadic and Migrant.  
(B) Industrial labour and Agricultural labour  
(C) Etiological tales and written traditions.  
(D) Autonomy and Agency.
5. Write short notes on the following: (4x5)  
(A) What is essentialism?  
(B) Hakkipikki tribe.  
(C) What are the different types of Nomads in India?  
(D) Chakma tribe