

Ethnicities of South Asia



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Ethnicities in Bangladesh

The image is a collage of three distinct scenes. The top right image shows a close-up of several pink lotus flowers and their green leaves floating on a pond. The bottom left image features a man wearing a white dhoti and a red turban, riding a bicycle with a small child seated behind him. The background of this image is a large, ornate building with multiple arched windows and a decorative patterned border. The overall composition suggests a blend of traditional and natural elements.



Ethnicities

- Bengali
- Chakma
- Manipuri
- Mundas
- Marma
- Santhals
- Garo
- Khashia

Bangladesh is most definitely not a homogenous country and even each ethnicity is not a homogenous ethnicity.

For example, the Bengali ethnicity consists of the Dravidian, Mongoloid, and Caucasian ethnic groups. That's why people from different regions of the country can look different. For example, in one of the districts, Chittagong, Bengalis tend to look more southeast asian while in Sylhet, Bengalis tend to look more Arab, Turkish, and Persian.

VIDEO

Ethnicities In India



India has over two thousand ethnic groups and almost every major religion is represented. It would be difficult to mention all ethnicities in India. However, all ethnicities fall under the main ethnolinguistic groups:

Major Ethnolinguistic Groups

- Andamese -Austroasiatic
- Austronesian -Dravidian
- Indo-Aryan -Iranic
- Nuristani

Ethnicities in Pakistan

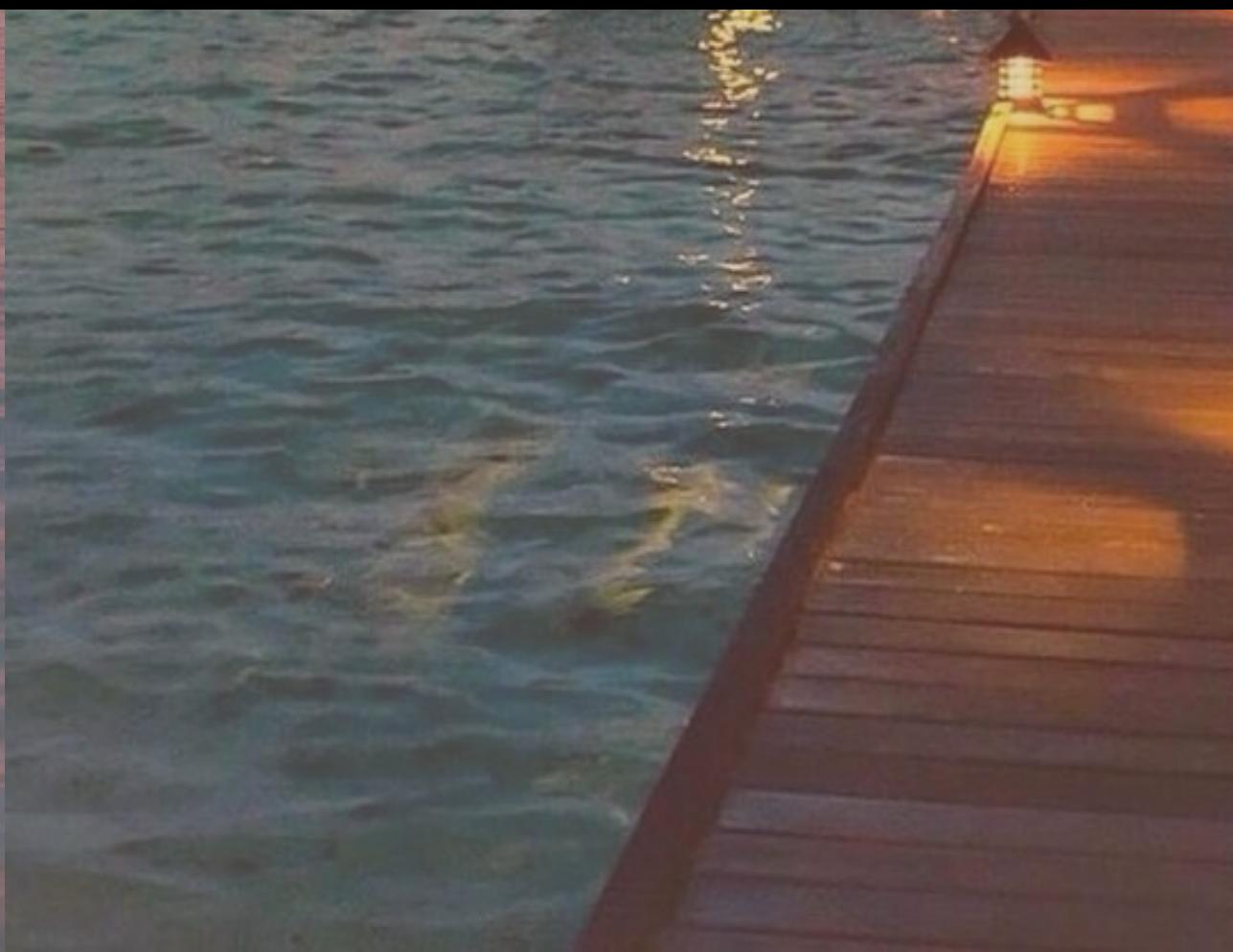


Ethnicities

- Punjabi
- Pashtun
- Baloch
- Sindhi
- Saraiki
- Muhajir
- Brahui

Most of Pakistan's ethnicites classify as either belonging to the indo-aryan or the Iranian ethnolinguistic groups. Each Ethnicity has a place where they typically reside in Pakistan. Also, the muhajjir ethnicity refers to those who migrated from India to Pakistan. The word “Muhajjir” means migrants.

Ethnicities in Maldives



Ethnicity: Maldivian

The Maldivian ethnic people are a mix of Dravidian, indo-aryan, and arab descent. They are the only native ethnicity in the Maldives.



Ethnicities in Nepal

Nepal consists of over 125 ethnic groups and separate themselves by region. For example, Magars, Gurungs, Tamangs, and much more ethnic groups live together peacefully in the middle hills and valleys of Nepal.

Biggest Ethnic Groups in Nepal

- Chhetri(Khas)

- Brahmin

- Magar

- Tharu

- Tamaang/Moormi

E n |thnicities in Bhutan



Ethnicities In Bhutan

- ngalong
 - sharchop
 - Kheng
 - Bhutanese-Nepalis
- Most of the population consists of the ngalong,sharchop and kheng identities(98%).

Ethnicities in Sri Lanka



SRI LANKA

Major Ethnic groups in Sri Lanka

- Sinhalese
- Sri Lankan Tamil
- Sri Lankan Moors
- Indian Tamil

Majority (79.4%) of the sri lankan population are sinhalese.