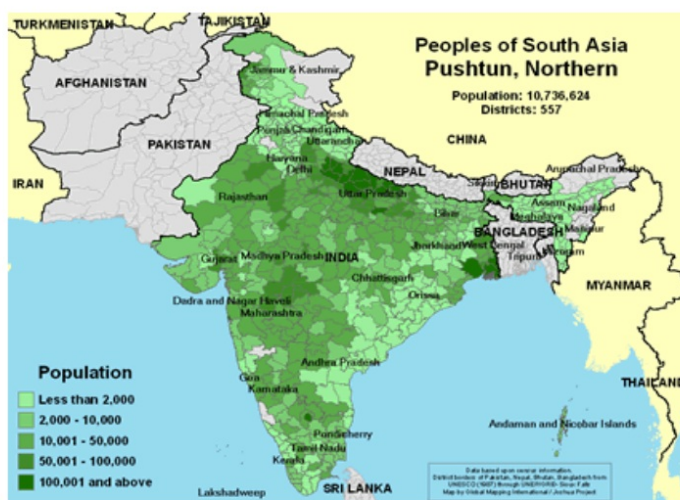


PATHAN



Population: 19,000

Religion: Ethnic Religions

Christian: 0%

Language: Telugu



The Pathan people are one of four major Muslim communities in India. A hardy, immigrant community from neighboring Afghanistan, these people claim to be descended from Saul, the first king of Israel.

They are a particularly proud people, sensitive about maintaining family honor and self-respect and work hard to ensure it. Revenge and blood feuds between families lasting generations is common owing to this strict code of honor, known as Pakhtunwali, to which they faithfully adhere.

The Pathan are mostly engaged in agriculture, animal husbandry, military service, in the police force and work as clerks, taxi, truck drivers, tailors, watchmen and daily labor. Many own or work in small to medium businesses.

The Pathans are strict Muslims by faith and belong to the Sunni sect.

The Pathan need better education, especially for females, as well as economic improvement.