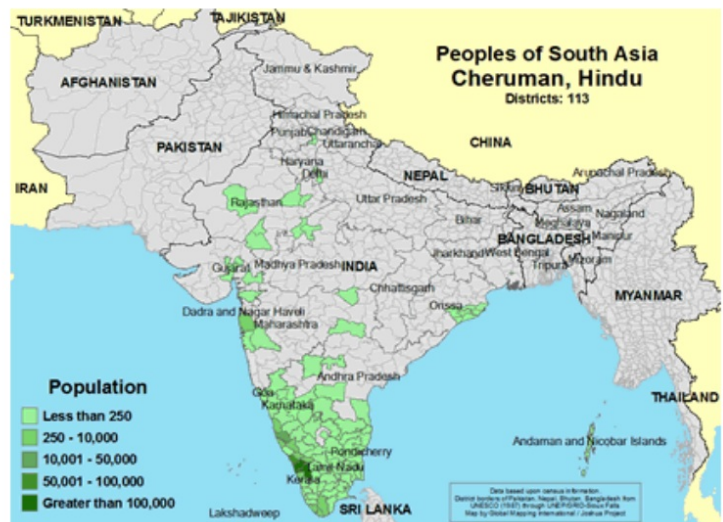


CHERUMAN

of
India



Population: 453,000

Religion: Hinduism

Christian: 0%

Language: Malayalam

The Cheruman people are a large Dalit group. They live in India's southwestern state of Kerala.

Traditionally the Cheruman people were serfs, and their name means "sons of the soil."

They have a high literacy rate for a Dalit people group, and they love to listen to the radio and go to movies.

Women play an important role in family economic activities.