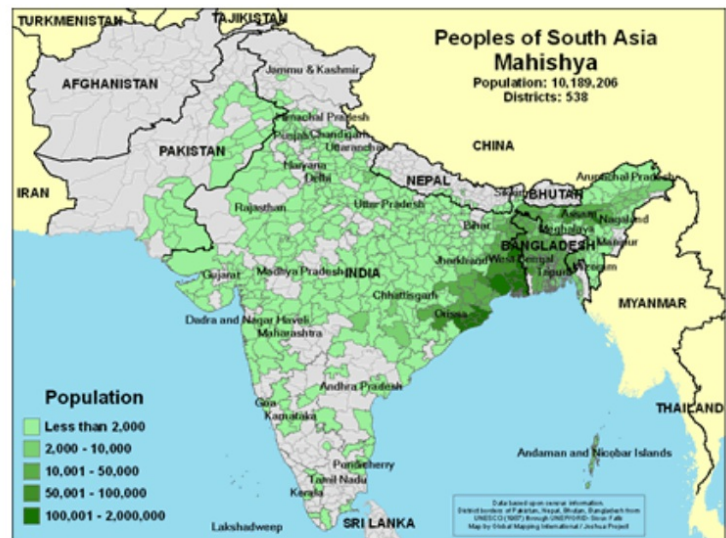


# MAHISHYA

of  
India



Population: 9,469,000

Religion: Hinduism

Christian: 0%

Language: Bengali

The Mahishya or Sadgop people are also known as Chasa or Chasi. They live in West Bengal and surrounding states. The name Sadgop is derived from the two Sanskrit words: 'Sad' means good and 'Gop' means milkman.

The Sadgop are a land owning community. Agriculture is their traditional and primary occupation.

They propitiate Hari and Lakshmi as their family deities. Their village deities are Dharmaraj, Manasa and Shiva among others. Gaya and Vrindaban are their pilgrim centers. Durgapuja, Kalipuja and Dharmarajer are their major festivals.

Pray for the salvation of the Sadgop people and that God may send several Christian workers among them and meet their spiritual and physical needs.