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Consider the following pairs: Traditions - Communities 1. Chaliha Sahib Festival - Sindhis 2. Nanda Raj Jaat Yatra - Gonds 3. Wari-Warkari - Santhals Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched? (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) None of the above Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

• **Pair 1 is correctly matched:** Chaliha Sahib is a Sindhi festival of devotion to **Jhulelal** / river cult. Pair 2 is wrong: Nanda Raj Jaat Yatra is a Garhwali/Kumaoni Himalayan pilgrimage of the Nanda Devi cult, not of the **Gonds**. Pair 3 is wrong: Wari-Warkari is the **Varkari** pilgrimage to Pandharpur (Maharashtra), not a Santhal tradition. Hence 1 only is the official key.

(b)

Option (b) is 2 and 3 only. Both of those community tags are mismatches. This option is not the key.

(c)

Option (c) is 1 and 3 only. Wari-Warkari is not Santhal, so the pair set fails. This option is therefore wrong.

(d)

Option (d) is none. Pair 1 is correctly matched, so 'none' is false. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (a) 1 only. Chaliha Sahib belongs to the Sindhi community. Nanda Raj Jaat is a Uttarakhand Himalayan yatra, not Gond. The Wari is the **Varkari** march to Vitthal at Pandharpur, not Santhal. Using the stem's three tradition-community pairs, only the first is right.

Related possible facts

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Jhulelal

Ishta of many Sindhis; associated with the Indus / Cheti Chand

Nanda Devi Raj Jat

Periodic royal pilgrimage in Garhwal

Varkari

Bhakti tradition of Jnaneshvar, Namdev, Tukaram; Vitthal of Pandharpur

Gonds

Large Adivasi community of central India; different festival calendar

Santhals

Adivasi community of Jharkhand-Bengal-Odisha; Sohrai, Baha, etc.

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