

KANDHA GAUDA



1. **Location (Major)** : Kandhamal, Nowrangapur, Sundergarh
2. **Language** : Kui (Dravidian) and Oriya (Indo-Aryan)
3. **Major Occupation** : Cow-herding, Cultivation & Agrl. Labour
4. **Major Festivals & Rituals** : Gotha Puja, Raja, Kumar Purnima, Ratha Jatra, Gamha Dola
5. **Religion** : Hinduism with admixture of Animism

6. Other Distinct Socio-Cultural Features : The term **Kandha Gauda** has been derived from the words "Kond" meaning hill and Gauda meaning the village headman. The community is divided into several exogamous lineage groups i.e. Pradhan, Behera, Nayak, and Boi etc. Monogamy is the common rule. They consider marriage through negotiation as prestigious. The other modes of acquiring a life partner is through capture, elopement, purchase etc. Junior levirate, sororate, remarriage of widows and widowers are permitted in their society. Their family is nuclear, patrilocal and patrilineal. Inheritance of paternal property follows the rule of equigeniture in male line only. They observe post delivery pollution for ten days, and after the pollution period is over the name giving ceremony is performed. The dead are either cremated or buried and death pollution is observed for eleven days. They have their own traditional community council known as Samaj to deal with their customary norms and traditions.

7. Selected Demographic Profile and Parameters :

SI.No.	Parameters		Census Year						
			1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011	
1	Population	Total	-	7185	15188	19278	31454	26403	
		Male	-	3628	7639	10080	15831	13318	
		Female	-	3557	7549	9198	15623	13085	
2	Decadal Growth Rate		-	-	111.40	26.92	63.16	-16.06	
3	Sex Ratio		-	980	988	913	987	983	
4	Literacy Rate	Total	-	10.60	14.40	23.51	38.96	56.49	
		Male	-	19.16	24.22	38.22	52.61	67.74	
		Female	-	1.83	4.54	8.47	24.98	45.11	
5	Workers	Total Workers	Total	-	2686	7211	9409	15043	13255
			Male	-	2255	4878	6135	8955	7600
			Female	-	431	2333	3274	6088	5655
		Main Workers		-	-	5916	8280	8377	6693
		Marginal Workers		-	-	1295	1129	6666	6562

6	WPR			37.38	47.48	48.81	47.83	50.20
7	Marital Status	Never Married	-	3647	7739	9880	15511	-
		Married	-	3119	6520	8547	14329	-
		Widow	-	388	850	747	1489	-
		Divorced or Separated	-	23	70	104	125	-
		Un-specified	-	8	9	-	-	-
8	Dependency Ratio			1.38 : 1	0.79 : 1	0.81 : 1	0.75 : 1	-
9	* Child Population	Population	-	3184	1723	3770	5242	3875
		Ratio to Total Population	-	0.44 : 1	0.11 : 1	0.20 : 1	0.17 : 1	0.15 : 1
10	** Population in the working age group		-	3019	8469	10642	17927	-

* Child Population for 1961 & 1971=0-14 yrs, For 1981 = 0-4 yrs, For 1991 & 2001 = 0-6 yrs

** Working Age Group Population for 1961 & 1971=15-44 yrs, For 1981, 1991 & 2001=15-59 yrs

DISTRICTWISE DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION (1961 - 2011)

Sl.No.	Name of the Old & New District		YEAR					
			1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Balasore	Balasore	-	258	102	197	125	216
2		Bhadrak	-	-	-	-	317	42
3	Bolangir	Bolangir	-	435	1579	633	2291	1820
4		Sonepur	-	-	-	-	267	235
5	Cuttack	Cuttack	-	154	644	391	529	625
6		Jagatsinghpur	-	-	-	-	99	201
7		Jajpur	-	-	-	-	553	622
8		Kendrapara	-	-	-	-	13	7
9	Dhenkanal	Dhenkanal	-	100	504	341	115	187
10		Anugul	-	-	-	-	1050	384
11	Ganjam	Ganjam	-	350	347	4019	1423	803
12		Gajapati	-	-	-	-	101	71
13	Kalahandi	Kalahandi	-	-	565	742	769	270
14		Nuapara	-	-	-	-	101	128
15	Keonjhar	Keonjhar	-	284	531	218	637	828
16	Koraput	Koraput	-	532	2784	3966	1755	1085
17		Malakangiri	-	-	-	-	2417	2117
18		Nowrangapur	-	-	-	-	3147	2003
19		Rayagada	-	-	-	-	491	503
20	Mayurbhanj	Mayurbhanj	-	398	877	1230	1682	863
21	Phulbani	Kandhamal	-	2460	3704	3523	3256	4507
22		Boudh	-	-	-	-	990	996
23	Puri	Puri	-	1751	2001	2009	164	112
24		Khurda	-	-	-	-	397	586
25		Nayagarh	-	-	-	-	1648	2475
26	Sambalpur	Sambalpur	-	163	668	784	1589	1013
27		Baragarh	-	-	-	-	1490	843
28		Deogarh	-	-	-	-	166	366
29		Jharsuguda	-	-	-	-	900	251
30	Sundergarh	Sundergarh	-	300	882	1225	2972	2244
		Total	-	7185	15188	19278	31454	26403

Source : Census of India ' 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001 & 2011

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