

Casual and Formal Ornaments of Gaddimen and Women of Kangra Himachal Pradesh, India

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The *Gaddi* tribe is a nomadic tribe residing in the Himalayan region of Himachal Pradesh. The main occupation of the *Gaddis* is sheep goat rearing which provides them with wool, meat and milk. The *Gaddis* have migratory nature and shift from their hilly cold abodes to plain areas. This folk culture gave them a distinct character and identity as a tribe. Every tribe has specific costumes and ornaments that give them distinct identity. The *Gaddis* mostly wore ornaments of silver, semi precious stones and gold. Ornaments among *Gaddis* were more popular amongst the women folk than the male members. The *Gaddi* females had ornaments for every part of body. They wore ornaments on their head, nose, ears, neck, wrist, hands, ankles and toes. Except the nose ornaments, all other ornaments were of silver and semi precious stones. Only nose ornaments of the *Gaddi* females were of gold. The craze for ornaments was not seen among the *Gaddi* men folk. The *Gaddi* males wore only gold ear ornaments and silver buttons and finger rings.