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- i. They did not follow the social rules and rituals prescribed by the Brahmanas. Nor were they divided into numerous unequal classes.
- ii. Members of each tribe were united by kinship bonds.
- iii. Many tribes obtained their livelihood from agriculture. Others were hunter-gatherers or herders.
- iv. Some tribes were nomadic and moved from one place to another. A tribal group controlled land and pastures jointly, and divided these amongst households according to its own rules.

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- i. Durgawati was the daughter of Salbahan, the Chandel Rajput raja of Mahoba. She got married to Dalpat, the son of Gond raja Aman Das.
- ii. Dalpat, however, died early. Rani Durgawati was very capable, and started ruling on behalf of her five-year-old son, Bir Narain.
- iii. Under her, the kingdom became even more extensive. In 1565, the Mughal forces under Asaf Khan attacked Garha Katanga.
- iv. A strong resistance was put up by Rani Durgawati. She was defeated and preferred to die rather than surrender. Her son, too, died fighting soon after.