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# BANIA SOUTH ASIA

*“We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy.”*  
Daniel 9:18b

## PRAYER POINTS

- ~ Pray the Bania will be dissatisfied with their spiritual lives.
- ~ Pray that deception will be lifted so Bania see Jesus as God’s Son & receive His salvation.
- ~ Ask God to work especially in the Bania higher caste so they accept mercy & truth.

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# BANIA PEOPLE

## STATISTICS

Population - 16,927,000

Majority Religion - Hinduism - 89.03%

Other Religions - 10.97%

Main Language - Hindi

The Bania are Hindu by religion. They are Vaishnavite & devotees of Shrinathji. They have an organization called the Mandal to look after the temples & the community’s property.

The ritual of naming newborns is performed by a Jangam priest by putting a thread around the infant’s neck.

Business, trade, jewellery-making & agriculture are the traditional occupations of the Bania.



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