

Status of Women in the Social Life of Deori Tribes:

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ABSTRACT: Deori tribes are one of the major tribes of Assam as they have their own racial Traits, language, religion and traditional belief. On linguistics basis Deori tribes belongs to the anthropological aspects they belongs to the Mongoloid Stock.

The contribution of woman for the all-round development of a Society is as equal to those of men. Though the Deori Society is mainly a patriarchal Society. Yet deori woman has a special position within the society. Woman participated with the upbringing of their children, agricultural, practice, fooding, animal rearing business, festival, institutions etc... The debate entitled – “The Status or the position of women in Deori Community” has discussed the economical and social contributions of Dibongiya woman of Kopou Pathar village, Sodia.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Deuri of Assam is one of the leading tribes. Their linguistic pattern is derived from Chinese Tradition languages. As per Anthropologist, the Deuries are belongs to the Mongolian Section. The Women plays a greater role to develop the society same as men.

In partifarchial system to society, the women has always socially dominated. The reasons behind it is the prevailing faith & belief. Though the Deuri is a partifarchial Society, the women plays a greater role in all aspects such as business. Agriculture, handlooms, festivals as well as nurshment of the children.

Purpose of the Study

The role played they clucey be understored through some elaborated facts as below –

- A specific location or given may be selected for study the role of women in the Deuri Society.
- The role played by the dress women in respect of economic activities for their upliftment
- Their Role in day to day lite in the society & influences thereof.

Methodology of Study

The status of Deuri Women in the society may be determined in two methods.

- Data Collection System.
- Sate Explanation System

To collect the required data's, following two methods adopted.

- Field Study Method.
- Formatting & Monitoring Method.

Arrears of Study

The economic social activities of Dhingia Deuri Section.

The geographical area is “Kapau Pather Deuri” village of Sadia.

Source of Study

Data collection source are

- Primary Datas
- Secondary Datas

Discussion on the Subject

- **Daily activities of women**

Deuri women plays a greater role in Daily family life.

In present Deuri society all social activities are performed by the women. The women are expert in fishing in river & beels.

➤ **Food Preparation**

The women prepared food for whole family & they also self-dependent on tire stick mixing mud with cowdung. Cooking fire place named as “Chiyakoti”. They are habituated in collecting required vegetable from their own garden and they used boiled all vegetables.

They have no habit to use oil. The women prepared their local lique call “Suje” with ingredient of several medicated herbs & gridding rice.

➤ **Dresses**

The Deuri women are very expert in traditional handloom of their dress. The main dress of Deuri women namely Igu, Jakkachibe, Gatigi use for men are Iku, Bocha, etc. They used multi-cloured threads. They also habits to cultivate eari, silk and muga for their dress.

Their important dress “Boche” has a greater role in both male & females. Boche use is their bihu festival which is commonly known Gamussa.

➤ **Property Right**

In Deuri Society the women has less right in case of property. Preference has given male child.

➤ **Child Care**

The Deuri women has full responsibilities in case of child case, their food & nutrition health care saritavation. Their role is appreciated.

Economic Freedom of Women

➤ **Agriculture**

The Deuri’s society more or less similar to Assamese Society. They cultivate all types’ vegetables in their own household gardens. Paddy also carry lay the women in rural areas. Some unique traditional methods of processing have done in time ofcultivation & harvesting.

➤ **Livestock**

The Deuri women usually keep duck, hen, sparrow, goat, pig for their live hood & sold it in the market as per their need.

➤ **Trade Business**

In plain areas, their main trade & Business are agriculture, vegetable & livestock to maintain their life. But most of the females are formed self-help group as a part of their economic activities. They are also prepared & market the light food (Jalpan) for their economic freedom.

Women & Festival

They played a greater role part in their traditional festivals and they are one of the best in their festivals like Bisu, Marriage, “Sadya Srabha”, Na-Dhan puja, Satar Chuwa. But they never participated Deusal Puja. The Deuri women are more active in hospitality during the marriage ceremonies.

Role in Education

The education ratio of Deuri women is less than the men oue to their Socio-economic cosoiton.

But now a days they took part in education in their localition. A few of them are well education and re-habitat them in various govt., Semi-govt., private sectors.

Some few Decision/Conclusion

- Women played a vital role for food processing, multi-colored dree etc.
- Right to property ownership to women in various ways.

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