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BOOK REVIEW



**Development of Primitive Tribes in India
(An Impact Assessment of Development Initiatives) By
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Main objective of the book is to evaluate an impact of tribal development programs implemented by ITDP (Integrated Tribal Development Project). The author is successful in fulfilling the objective with the help of exhaustive case study with in-depth information approach. For the same information was sought through, home visits, structured interview schedules, case studies, focus group discussions, observations, informal discussions with key persons like elderly, tribal representatives and government officials and resourceful persons. Total 28 tribal hamlets were visited and 25 beneficiaries were studied very extensively.

In addition government information sources like gazette, senses, literature on development were also referred. The author has put forth the content of book in total eight chapters. Through first chapter author narrates concepts of Tribal along with meaning of tribe given in Indian constitution. Also elaborated tribal development as process of generating the self-sustained growth of community, it means development in totality on the basis of satisfaction of basic needs, development further means self-awareness, self-reliant, self-respect and freedom from exploitation, also involves active participations in social, political and economic decisions given George Fredrick, Gandhi, Edward Weidner, It also mentions tribal development approaches like, Isolationist, Assassination, and Integration, approach of Indian government and approaches by Gandiji and Shri. A.V. Thakkarbappa. It consists profile of Indian scheduled tribes and primitive tribes of Maharashtra and their socio-economic, educational, geographical, legal, religions nature, also refers their lack infra structure, and leadership. The chapter also gives an overview and trend of different policies and programs for example, community development approach evolving into Tribal development block strategy, Tribal sub-plan, nucleus budget program which come under the I T D P contributing the economic upliftment and emphasizes a drawback of tribal policies and also suggests people and culture oriented programs. The chapter Second, Surveys international policies and in specific British Policy for tribal population. The detail about initiatives by Mughals, Britishers and Missionaries is given. It covers nature of tribal development right from independence, and highlights changes in policies and programs.

The Chapter third analyses performance of government in tribal development and in detail reports tribal sub plans and integrated tribal development projects. Further it covers assistance available from center and other constitutional provisions made in section 275(1).An author in current chapter along with special schemes like Jawahar Rojgar Vojana, Road Development, Education, Public Health, Rural water supply and Welfare of backward and Nutrition and schemes by Zilla Parishad and Integrated Tribal development Plan, notes administrative control, local politicized implementation and makes reader aware of implementation process, results and flaws of programs. This chapter exclusively analyzes Nucleus Budgets Scheme (N B P) which helps in income generation, training human recourse and provides tribal welfare schemes which are suitable at local level and chapter also talks about machinery for implementation with example of personnel at I T D P which gives complete understanding of different programs and implementation. The Chapter fourth consists detail profile of Raigad district of Maharashtra which consists specificities of geographical location and socio-economic-political backgrounds of tribal people; this contextual grounding makes the analysis of tribal development, tribal development schemes and their implementation meaningful. The chapter fifth consists of an overview of tribes in India, Maharashtra & particularly in Raigad district of Maharashtra special reference of primitive tribe is given in this chapter. Katkari tribe is in majority among the tribes in Raigad. Chapter also mentions district zones where tribal population is concentrated. Geographical conditions including natural resources, economic,

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cultural, language, literacy and social life of primitive tribe is also given. Further author mentions initiatives by Non-government organizations also. It consists types, roles, in specific aim and activities of working NGOs, covers views of NGO's on tribal development and suggestions for improving programs. It also highlights crisis areas of work and limitation of NGOs. Author also mentioned lacunae in Government programs reported by NGOs working in that area where study is conducted. The Chapter sixth is devoted to assessing the impact of tribal development programs on the life styles of tribal beneficiaries. This chapter is based on the primary data collected from the field by visiting their places of residence, interacting with them and taking case studies. An observation was one of the important tools utilized to verify the data about the scheme received from government officers. This chapter gives overview of the impact of tribal development program. Along with the impacts author also has mentioned other information about lives of primitive tribes like Katkari, such as education of children, reasons for dropout, income assets and source of livelihood, amenities available at home, migration reasons, nature of work during migration and problems in migration and lack infrastructure, which further sensitizes the reader, and broadens the relevance of study. In detail chapter has the content of benefits of I T D P especially Nucleus Budget Program which gave loan facility to generate income for themselves which they had to return under this scheme. Its is macro analysis of benefits received with flaws and unique problem which not only helps the reader to know facts and figures but helps them to understand the extreme of exploitation and the way the primitive tribes are cheated. An author very intelligently mentions the suggestions for improvement of ITDP scheme for beneficiaries. Author mentions the I T D P officers' negligence and failure to supervise help given. And a mentioned at the same time role of N.G.Os is commendable is the content of the chapter. Author has made beneficiary case wise detail analysis and reported which increase the value of the book. Chapter seven consist of major finding of the study related to total population of tribal, though they lack resources and are backward economically, socially & politically but culturally tribal are reach. Author mentioned major problem like illiteracy, unemployment, migration and extreme poverty, very objectively author reported government schemes like Tribal-sub-plan and policy of integration & assimilation. But the policies & programs are not adequate on government's side. There is no expected change in there life tribal, there is decline in financial provisions, government negligence is reported. A local level problem like zilla parishad (district level governing body) has no control over the project officer of I T D P specially. Apart from this picture of N.G.O. work done with their limitation is given, NGOs are basically non-political and target the group like tribal, other backward castes and women laborers, small farmers and children. Author at the end concludes face NGO's, the political & financials problems of NGOs. And also mentions view of NGOs i.e. liberation of primitive tribal is possible if tribal youths are targeted and made socially aware to educate themselves to stop their drinking habits and unite them politically. At the end author gives very elaborate list of suggestions which is based on the research done, like author suggests specific policy for primitive tribes like katkaris in Maharashtra, communication facilities in hamlets, substantial increase in expenditure and monitoring and evaluation tribal development by professional and academic institutions.

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