

A STUDY OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS AND PROBLEMS OF GOND TRIBE OF ODISHA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO GOND WOMEN

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ABSTRACT

Tribal people in India and also in Odisha are socially and economically marginalized in many respects. Although there exist several constitutional provisions which are oriented towards welfare of tribal people yet there is hardly any upliftment in the socio-economic status of tribal people who are experiencing unending challenges in their everyday life especially in the wake of commercialisation and industrialisation. Present study is an attempt to investigate into the economic profile, problems and newly emerging economic challenges of Gond population of Odisha in general and Gond women in particular and also the impact of government programmes on the economic aspect of their lives.

KEYWORDS: *Scheduled Tribes, Gond, Commercialization, Socio-Economic Status, Literacy Rate.*

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