

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC APPRAISAL OF WOMEN BEEDI WORKERS: A CASE STUDY OF TUFANGANJ-1 BLOCK, KOCHBIHAR

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Women are engaged in various works, either in home-based work or non-home based work. One of such works is beedi making. From the very past time, women workers are engaged in the beedi industry. In the rural and semi-urban area, the beedi industry one of the largest employers of workers in India after agriculture, handloom, construction etc (GOI). Though beedi rolling a risky work for health, they continuous heir work until today. At the present time, beedi workers are suffering from the societal problem, economical problem, health problem due to low wage; uncertainty of work, one of the most cruxes is that less honor is given by other people to the beedi workers. So it is clearly observed that women beedi workers are deprived of labor. Beedi workers are vulnerable segments of the country's labor force. In this paper, a study has been carried out on the socio-economic appraisal of women beedi workers of Tufanganj-1 block, kochbihar district.*

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