

DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL WOMEN IN SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT

A woman's standing in society can be judged by the level of social justice meted to them. This significantly portrays their position in society. Generally, status is very often evaluated in terms of income, occupation, education, health, and fertility. Moreover, for women, the responsibilities they hold within their family, their part in society, and the role in a community, all play a part. In respect to tribal communities, women have an important role to play. Their role is not just significant and is also vital as many a time they toil harder and the family's economy and management depend on them. However, among tribal women, socioeconomic development is poor. The difficulties faced by tribal women and tribal men are more or less similar. Nevertheless, tribal women in society are considered more industrious than tribal men, being contributors of a substantial part of their family income. However, their sources for making money are limited. Moreover, with low-level of education, their awareness level is also low, thereby ignoring various basic health issues. As a result, tribal women are challenged to get a sustainable livelihood to maintain a decent life. Various explanations have been put forward to explain the low levels of literacy among the scheduled tribe girls. The accomplishments, inspiration, and credit orientation have been found to be mediocre among schedule tribe girls. The approach toward tribal development in general, and especially for women, needs to take on an improved updated outlook in order to further the upliftment of these women and empower them. This paper examines the socioeconomic status of tribal women in society and identifies the challenges faced by them. In addition, the paper highlights the approach that can be considered to successfully overcome these challenges.

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