

## PATTERNS OF CHANGE AMONG THE JATS AS GLEANED FROM ARABIC AND PERSIAN SOURCES

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### **ABSTRACT**

*The Jats belong to a peasant community widely distributed in fertile regions of northern and north-west India. They underwent a prolonged process of change and social transformation over a period of eight centuries. Their journey from pastoralism to cultivation had been attentively observed by a series of travellers and court historians of medieval period. This paper aims to study the patterns of change among the Jats in light of pertinent information supplied by the Arabic and Persian sources of the Middle Ages.*

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