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## **Role of tribal women in the economic development with special reference to Durg district of Chhattisgarh**

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### **Abstract**

This study discuss about role of tribal women in the economic development with special reference to Durg District of Chhattisgarh. It also focus on the economic activities which they are performing, their social status, economic status, their economic status. It resulting into efforts that they are performing for their development in the case of social status or economic status. This is a descriptive study therefore the qualitative and quantitative method of study was used to collect the data and analysed. This study reveled that tribal women are coming out from the home and they are participating in different types of economic activities even they are sending their child to the school and they are not limited in forest and collecting woods for cooking. They are coming out and working along with men.

**Keywords:** Durg district, tribal women, role, economic development

### **Introduction**

In independent India development plan has been taken for all the fields viz., agriculture, economy, industries, small independent industries, education, health, and many others sectors of our society .All these are the strategy for the development of the nation . All these plans were taken carefully for better performance of our country. Besides these plans Indian government also planned for the development of the backward classes of our society, like S.T., S.C., O.B.C., and tribal peoples. Chhattisgarh is one of the state in India with population of 25545198. There are 18 district, 149 Taluks, 20126 villages and 205 towns in Chhattisgarh. Out of total population, 76.76% of population lives in urban area and 23.24% lives in rural area. There are 12.82% Schedule Caste (SC) 30.62% Schedule Tribes of total population in Chhattisgarh.

Tribal people play a very important role in the economic activities. Sometimes tribal people enjoying quite a high social status and economic value compared to their non-tribal counterparts. Role of tribal women is not only of importance in economic activities, but her role in non-economic activities is equally important. The tribal women work very hard, in some cases even more than the men. In old days women generally involved in household activities and men involved in the activities which are related to earning money. But now this scenario has been changed. Now a large number of women are participating in economic activities, and they play a very important role in the development of economy. With the onset of development programs economic changes are taking place, which effect men and women differently. This inequality arising from the development process calls for a detail scrutiny because it has resulted in not only inequality between tribal and non-tribal but also among tribal on gender basis. Some of tribal women are enjoying higher status than men, both in the case of resources and a clear division in their societies between the society and their sphere. The men represented the family in the society and women as the main decision maker in the family economy, production, and social relation. Tribal women enjoy a greater social status with regard to control over resources. This determines their active involvement and decision making with regard to land utilization, agriculture and power over cash flow in a tribal economy. The fact that the women controlled the family economy was the main reason why her status dependent on abundant resources. On the other hand most of the tribal women involved in household activities like cooking foods, managing the house, nourishing children etc., they don't know the outside world. They can't move one step without others help. These types of women are totally backward dependent on others.

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But this situation is changing day by day because Indian Government has brought various acts for the development of tribal people, like establishment of industries and various development projects each member of the family was to given a job. But women are not considered for jobs. Jobs are normally given to the men. These jobs are temporary or on the basis of daily wages. On the other hand many different projects for women like home-craft. In such away, Indian government is trying to abolish the differences between the social status of tribal men and women and also trying to increase the social status of backward classes.

### **Purpose**

The main focus of this study is to examine the role of tribal women in the economic development of Durg District and understand their socio-economic status, educational status. From the literature study we can identify the most important point, and the point is socio economic status of tribal women. The study was based on Bastar district of Chhattisgarh, but the relation of this project to extend the same study in Durg district of Chhattisgarh state. The view of this project is to understand the socio economic and educational status of tribal women and which economic activities are they performing also find out probabilities of new economic activities of Durg district. Another important reason of this project is to find out the ways how can they be motivate and encourage in economic activities by providing them training and also encourage them in women education.

### **Problem behind the study**

There are many objectives or problems behind this project, these are as follows....

1. To understand and know the socio economic status of tribal women of Durg district
2. Find out the economic activities they are performing.
3. Also find out the different types of source of income.
4. Understand their educational status.
5. To know are the tribal women backward? If they are actually backward, then what is the reason behind it.
6. Find out the ways to motivate them in economic activities.
7. To find is there any possibilities for new economic activities, if so, then what are these?

### **Source of data**

Data for this study were sought from two main sources. The first source was through library research which constitutes the secondary data. The other source of data was obtained from the field. In depth interview and focus group discussions were conducted to solicit for information. These two methods were used because of descriptive nature of the study. Many women were visited to the interview. I have faced language problem at the time of interview because my research is going on in English but they were not too much educated to answer the questions in English so, I had to translate the questions in Hindi and again translate the answer from Hindi to English for processing. Even maximum of the women were talking in local language which was a great problem for me and I have solve the problem with the help of my friends. Only tribal women were interviewed. The field work was undertaken in 2019 when I was undertaking M.Phil programme.

### **Methodology**

The main aim of this project is to find out the economic activities of the tribal women and their role in economic activities, to fulfill this purpose I has to collect different types of data which is known as primary data collection and this process has been done through questionnaire and interview method. Then these data has been analysed through secondary data collection. After that those data has been calculated and plotted by different cartographic and statistical method. So it can be said that field survey and interview method has been used for primary data collection, these data were analysed through different types of calculative method to make them secondary data, library research was also used to collect secondary data after collecting the secondary data different types of cartographical methods and tabulation methods were used to plot the data and represent them through chart.

### **Result**

In this finding, we have got a clear knowledge about tribal women of Durg district. Different types of economic activities they are performing like agriculture, daily labor, farming of cattle, mine labor, shop keeper, government service and many more. Among these maximum women perform the economic activity of agriculture and agricultural labor and daily labor. At present tribal women are developing their social status by developing themselves in condition of economic status or in condition of educational status or also in standard of living. They are also trying to deliberate themselves impoverishment by hard working and participating in different types of economic activities.

### **Conclusion**

From the above study of tribal woman's economic activities it can be generalized that, at present tribal women are not backward they are also trying to develop themselves. At present they are enjoying more freedom than previous. They are sending their children to the school for study even they are also sending their girl child to the school for education. From the above study it also can be find that tribal women are going to field and they are working agricultural works with men, few women also enjoying government service also. So, it can be said that it is a good sign for the development of tribal women of Durg district and it is also good for the economy of Durg district.

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