

BURUD COMMUNITY A SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY

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Introduction :

The country like India is the mixture of various languages, art forms, culture, beliefs, values and norms. Today's Society is the outcome of various changes occurred from several years. It includes impact of foreigners on Indian Society, Technology, Modernity, Spread of Education, Governmental Policies etc.

Arrival of Western Powers in our country for trading purpose affected positively as well as negatively. Mostly there were negative impacts on society, e.g. arrival of Britishers impacted on various aspects of India Society like Culture, Traditions, Handicraft, Educational System etc.

Before arrival of Britishers or Machines all the things were performed manually. No any kind of machine was used. All kinds of craft's were made manually like making wooden toys, pottery, sculptors, jewelery, metal were cane and bamboo work etc. But as machines came in the handicraft markets, it started affecting on the handicraft markets.

Objectives of Research :

1. To understand features of Burud Community.
2. To understand impact of Technology on Burud work.

Data Collection :

Present study is based on secondary data collection. Various books, magazines, News articles are used.

a)Handicraft and Burud Caste :

We can find different handmade crafts like rope making, wooden toys, pottery making, hand made textiles, sculptors, jewellery and metal ware etc., in various areas of our country. Burud work or cane work is one of the type of handicraft. All the various items are made with the help of hand. From the ancient days Handicraft Burud work is very useful. It is said that each and every item which is made up of Bamboo is useful for a human being from his birth to death.

In the ancient days, economic system of each village was based on the Barter or Jajmani System. There were serving and served castes. All the Balutedars, Alutedars and some tribes were serving caste's which were providing services to upper castes and at the same time, some castes were served castes, accepting services of serving castes. Buruds are one of the serving caste from Alutedar Category. People from Burud Community makes various products from the bamboo sticks like Cages, Ladder, Buttya, Supa's etc.

Features of Burud Community :

1)Burud's as an Artist :

Burud's always makes various kinds of items from Bamboo sticks. It is their traditional tool of gaining money. Making traditional as well as modern bamboo product's is the art of Burud Community.

2)Burud as a Tribe :

In the various areas of State Maharashtra, Buruds are recognized as a Tribe e.g. In the Chandrapur, Yavatmal, Nagpur, Vardha, Gadchiroli. They are considered as tribals.

3)Customes of Child Marriage :

During primitive days the child marriages were performed normally. In this community, it was common. Providing liquor and non-veg meel was compulsory in Burud Marraiges. Though the economic conditions of any family is not good, they had to provide all these things in marriage.

4)God and Goddess :

Family God of Burud is Khandoba. These people blindly believes on their God and Goddess. They keeps fast as well as a vow for getting blessings. Whenever they faces any kinds of problems in their life. They take help of an acetic to find a solution.

5)Dominance of Jat Panchayat :

During the ancient days Jat Panchayat had an incredible place in this community. It was regarded as a sacred institute of providing the justice. All the distributes of community members were solved by the Jat Panchayat. The decisions, suggestions, provided by the Jat Panchayat were blindly followed by people.

6)Belongs to Karnataka Region :

Before so many decades, they came to Maharashtra from their own place Karnataka. Buruds which we find in all over Maharashtra originally belongs to Karnataka. Their surnames like Lingappa, Vyankappa, Sidrappa etc., incidcates their region. But at present this community has totally became Maharashtrian.

7)Orthodox Thoughts :

Though the educational level of this community is increasing they are not ready to give up their superstitious nature. They keep faith on the existence of black magic, sacrifice a beast to satisfy various God and Godess. They are very rigid about their caste, rules. Some rules of their castes are strictly obeyed bycaste persons.

8)Culture :

Hair cutting ceremony is the one part of culture. In this community on the occasion of “Hair cutting ceremony” (Jawal), they cut hairs of both girl and boy child. Brahmin priest are not allowed for performing the death rituals. Instead of Brahmin priest, they allow “Jangam” to perform various rituals.

Impact of Technology on Burud Community :

As Britishers came in our country, they also brought with them technology. This technique changed the face of Handicraft industry. Machines started taking place of manual work. Plastic and Metal work has also badly affected on the traditional burud work. Instead of use of eco-friendly bamboo items, people are also using various colour plastic made items. For example “Samruddhi” products are famous. They make all those things which Burud’s make. Like Plastic, Metal also has taken place of Bamboo that Ladders made up of Metal are famous.

Thus, for conserving traditional Burud work from the Plastic and Metal work, it is very much essential to make over Burud work and to bring some modernity in work.

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