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Ethnicity and the Role of Congress Government: A Study at the Historical Juncture of 1980 to 2000 A.D.

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ABSTRACT : *Ethnic issues and question of ethnicity is a nineteenth century phenomenon. The growth of ethnic consciousness led to self-determination directed by various factors in different parts of the world according to their own historical background. In contemporary Assam, ethnic issues or complexity of ethnic political assertion has been an overwhelming issue in politics. To understand that complexity with its historical dimension, it is necessary to analyse the role of the government in tackling that issue within the ruling procedure of the country.*

Ethnic issue is a living issue in Assam politics since the colonial rule passing through a historical dimension. This is an attempt to study the different dimensions of ethnic question of Assam with its basic causes and measuring the performances of the Congress Party as a ruling party of Assam with the analyses of some performances indicators.

Keywords: Congress party, causes, ethnic issue, government, performance.

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Ethnicity and ethnic consciousness is a nineteenth century phenomenon. The Oxford dictionary defines the term ethnicity as 'relating to a group of people having a common national and cultural tradition'. The term derived from the Greek word 'ethos' which generally means 'nation'. It currently refers to people who thought to have common ancestry and shared a distinctive culture, again the members of an ethnic group are conscious of belonging to an ethnic group may be termed as ethnicity which is further marked by the recognition from others.

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Women and Livestock Management : An Empirical Study of Assam

Abstract

Agriculture is one of the most important sectors of the economy of Assam. Participation of women in this sector is significant. Livestock is the backbone of the agriculture sector of Assam and livestock keeping is mostly done by women. Besides farming women play an important role in livestock and household activities. They spend a considerable time in livestock and poultry management activities which are unaccounted and are considered as domestic work. The present study tries to analyse the participation of women in livestock management activities especially in Assam. The study has been carried out by using both secondary as well as primary data. The primary data has been collected by carrying out the field study. The field study covers the Brahmaputra valley of Assam. It has been revealed from the study that women have actively participated in all activities related to livestock management in Assam.

Keywords: Livestock Management, Women Participation, Agriculture Sector

Introduction

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Objective of the Study

The main objective of the paper is to analyse the nature and extent of participation of women in livestock management activities and also identify the factors that significantly influence their extent of participation.

Methodology

The present study has been carried out by using both secondary as well as primary data. The secondary data has been used to create the background of the analysis and core of the study depends on primary data.

The primary data has been collected by carrying out the field study. The field study covers the Brahmaputra valley of Assam. Four districts has been selected randomly from four agro- climatic zones of Brahmaputra valley, one from each- Jorhat from upper Brahmaputra valley, Morigaon from central Brahmaputra valley, Darrang from North Bank valley and Nalbari from lower Brahmaputra valley. From each district one Agricultural Development Officers (ADO) circle has been selected. From each of the selected ADO circle three villages has been selected keeping in view that represents various socio economic conditions. In the selected villages, the universe for the sampling consisted of total number of Farm household. From this universe 9 to 12 percent of the household has been selected at random. In this way a sample of 228 Farm household has interviewed. Appropriate statistical and econometric tools have been used to analyse the data.

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The estimated livestock and poultry population as per sample survey of different category for 2013-14, reveal that population of indigenous cattle has decreased by 3.7 percent during 2013-14 compared to the previous year. This decrease was also recorded for buffaloes during the same period. On the other hand, population of cross breed cattle and goats has recorded increase of 3.0 and 3.2 percent respectively during 2013-14 over 2012-13, (Economic survey of Assam 2014-15). Compound Annual Growth Rates (CAGR) has been estimated for livestock and poultry



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Rural Industrialization in India: A Study from the Perspective of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)

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Introduction:

India is a land of villages and about 72 percent (Census of India, 2011) of the people of the country lives in rural areas. So development of rural areas is pivotal for the development of the country.

The rural industries expand the economic activities and can absorb the excess labour force which is otherwise remained unutilized or underutilized and improves their livelihoods. Further, the rate of rural-urban migration can be reduced through these industries. So, rural industries can be regarded as complementary and supplementary area of production of goods and services and for generation of employment opportunities to the rural skilled and unskilled labourers. Thus, rural development is increasingly linked to the development of rural industries which helps in job creation and at the same time generates income. These industries reduce the inequalities of income and wealth in the villages and check the rural-urban migration. Moreover, rural industries help to create the base of industrialization which is the backbone of development of an economy.

Rural industrialization is not only an essential and inseparable objective of rural development but for the overall development of the country. The objectives of rural industrialization are promotion of decentralization and balanced industrial growth, eradication of rural unemployment and under employment, removal of economic inequality, formation of an industrial base in the rural areas etc. These rural industries play a significant role in socio-economic development of a country through labour absorption, income distribution, rural development, poverty eradication, regional balance and promotion of entrepreneurship. Rural educated unemployed can be employed in these industries. To a large number of people, these industries have remained way of life rather than mere source of living. Though the large scale industries contribute to the massive production, they reduce the employment opportunities for the use of advance technologies and lead to environmental degradation. Localization of large scale industries in the rural areas is not able to fulfill the objectives of rural development as these industries neither help rural unemployed nor contribute to rural income. The rural people are not able to avail the employment opportunities of these industries. M. K. Gandhi had strongly advocated the development of Indian villages by making them financially viable through khadi and village industrial units. In India, the process of industrialization took a new turn from Gandhian movement. From the ancient period, Indian villages were self sufficient. Whatever is required by the rural people is produced within the village and the surplus production is sent to the urban areas and outside the country. There was a co-ordination between the rural and urban areas. Rural industries produce the simple handicraft products with their available resources and the sophisticated articles are produced by the industries of the urban areas by using machineries.

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Girl-Child of Rural India : Reflections on Some of the Pragmatic Concerns

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Abstract : Protection of child and woman's rights is critical question in a country like India. Even after 70 years of independence the existence of a huge numbers of working children is reflective of the situation in the country. The traditional makeup of society predisposed by chauvinistic male domination seems to eclipse the constitutional provisions and all other approaches of Indian society at different levels. The faults of the traditional village structure, inspired by conservative mentality with customary practices together with the quiet indifferent approaches of the contemporary society seem to overshadow the constitutional provisions. The condition of girl child is most critical as they are prime victims of all such discriminations leading to a huge loss of human capital during the past few decades. Working children of both the genders are a shame on society, preventing the reduction of class deference, which may lead to frequent and unmanageable class-clashes.

To achieve significant human development the key indicators like infant mortality, health status of children, empowerment of women, size of family etc. should be positively linked to child's right to education, to knowledge and to learning. The sex selective abortions, son-preferences and violence and negligence to girl child are to be stopped by any means.

Key Words : male domination, conservative mentality, gender discrimination, sex selective abortions, infant mortality

Introduction :

A girl child is rarely welcomed with grand salute in any traditional family with low and moderate educational level, especially in rural and traditional India. The ugly reality is that parents with others take a sigh of relief when a baby boy arrives. If, in question, the girl-child fails to receive the same warm welcome or hug from her parents, then who else care her rights? Even in high-born society a girl child often receives the adorations of a doll or a pot without a very serious future planning as in the case of a baby boy. This is the true nature of how a girl child is being deprived of her natural rights just in the moment of her birth or even

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DEVELOPING STAFF CREATIVITY THROUGH MOTIVATION IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE: AN IMPORTANT MANAGERIAL ROLE OF LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR

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ABSTRACT

Staff motivation is necessary for every type of organization to achieve the goals. Library and information centre are not exception from it like as any other organization. In this article highlights the various factors of increasing motivation amongst employee of library and information centre. In the library or any other organizations, the human resources department, generally known as the personnel department, is looking all the secretarial aspects of the employees. The library manager or librarians role is utmost important to motivate the employees for reached the objectives of the library and information centre.

Key words: *Motivation, Staff, Library and Information Centre, Library administrator*

1. INTRODUCTION:

Motivation is the strong term use by the head or managers of the organization to their employees or clientele through which he earned more work from the employees with new strength, joys and commitment. A good administrator should build an environment in which every individual of the organization work together in groups towards the triumph of common objectives. A library administrator cannot do anything without knowing the staff motivation. The building of motivating factors into organizational roles, the staffing of these roles and the entire process of leading people must be built on knowledge of motivation. It is necessary to remember that level of motivation varies both between individuals and within individuals at different times. Today in the rising competitive atmosphere

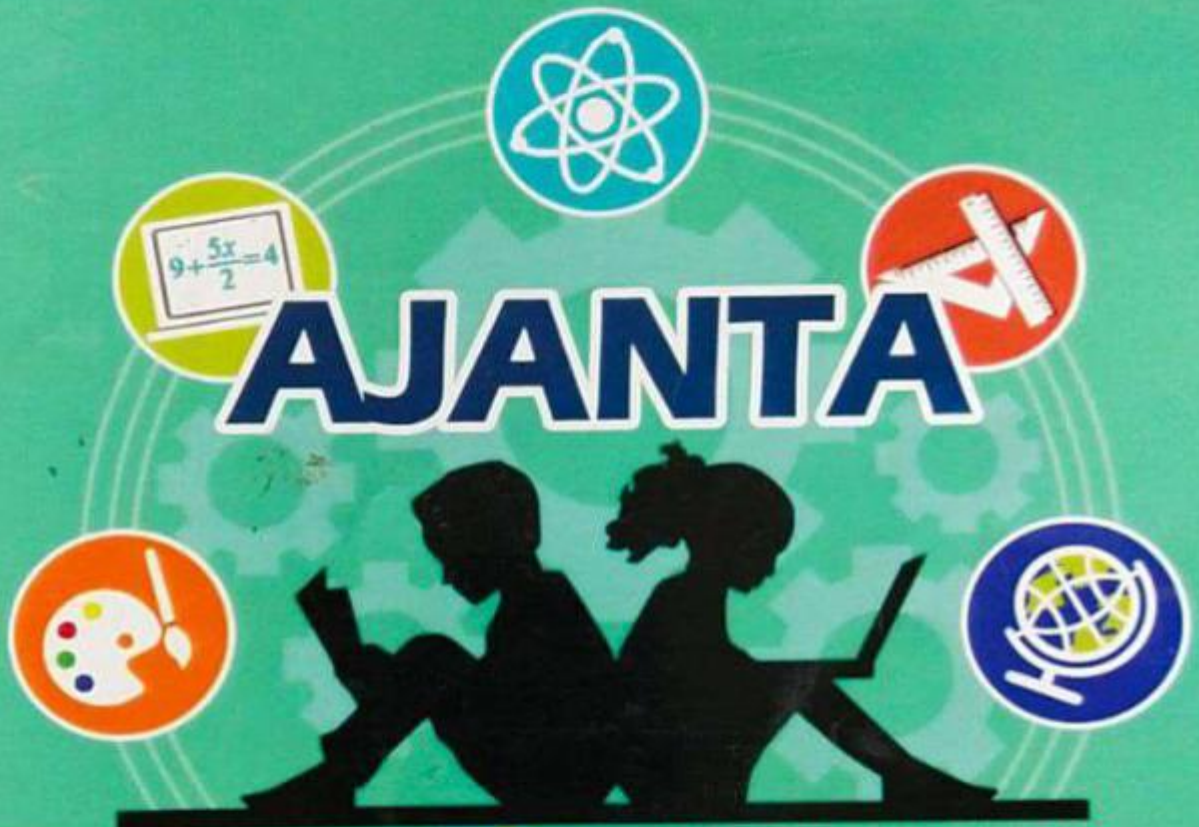


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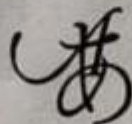
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Abstract

Energy is defined as the strength and vitality required for sustained activity. The Coal, oil, gas, wood, thermal and hydro-Electricity are conventional forms of energy. It is estimated that the total stock of coal reserve would last hardly 20 years and oil and gas still less. Wood is becoming scarce as the forests are dwindling from the surface of the Earth. So, it is likely that in the first part of the 21th century, there will have no conventional sources of energy. We will have to depend on Non-conventional sources of energy. These forms of energy are now in use on a small scale in various states including Assam of India.

Key words: Renewable Energy Potential, Conservation and Management, Energy budget.

Introduction

According to scientist Max Planck, Energy is a synthesis capacity to produce external Activity. In the field Physics Energy is defined as the capacity to do work. Energy is found on our earth surface in a variety of forms, some of which are immediately useful, while others required a process of transformation. The sun is the primary Energy source in our lives. We used it directly as a solar Energy.

Types of Energy

There are three types of Energy. They are-

1. Renewable or Non-Conventional sources of Energy.
2. Non-Renewable or Conventional sources of Energy.
3. Nuclear Energy.

1. Renewable or Non-Conventional Sources of Energy

Renewable or Non-Conventional sources of Energy are being consumed by man but renewed by natural environment. For example-

- a) Solar Energy
- b) Wind Energy
- c) Geothermal Energy

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Abstract- Nature is the spirit of creature and Physics is a way of thinking about the basic laws of Nature with their manifestation in different natural phenomena. People have always lived symbolically with Nature and its phenomena such as the Sun, Moon and Earth and also from Rivers, Mountains, Trees and other Animals. This respect and fear of inexplicable on it has had and influence on the relationship between man and nature. This definition of Environmental Science appears on first reaction to be simplistic and superficial but actually it is comprehensive and deep, for it denotes that Environmental Science Education is a medium and process of education and that it covers man's relationship with his natural as well as social and man-made environment, and also it includes the relationship of population, industrialization, pollution, resource allocation and depletion, conservation, transportation, technology, energy and urban and rural planning to the total biosphere. Viewed so, the nexus of Environmental Science is multidisciplinary in character and its quintessence is a commitment on the part of one and all, on the part of all of us inhabiting this planet earth, to prevent deterioration of air, water, land and physical and social environment including inter-relations among people and Environmental science education is the process of recognizing value and clarifying concept in order to develop skills and attitudes necessary to understand and appreciate the inter-relatedness among man, his culture and his biophysical surroundings. Environmental science education also entails practice in decision-making and self-formulation of a code of behavior about issues concerning environmental quality.

Key Words- Introduction, Environmental Problems, Objectives, Hypotheses, Methodology, Action plan, Research Problems, Findings, Discussion and Information

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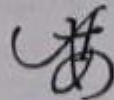
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Study on Fish Diversity of Barkana Beel, A Freshwater Wetland in Barpeta District, Assam

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Abstract

The present paper deals with the study of fish diversity of Barkana beel. The investigation was carried out for the period of two years (i.e. 2015-2017). The study revealed 47 fish species belonging to 34 genera under 19 families indicating a rich fish diversity of the beel. Among the fish species *Channa striata* was found dominant resident species. The study showed maximum fish landing in the month of December and January of each year due to practice of 'Katal fishing' by the fishermen resulting large quantity of fish capture. During the month of April to May fish catch was found low due to higher water level. The dependent people overexploit the fish resources. The present study emphasized the need to apply some management strategy to sustain the beel ecosystem resources.

Key Words:- Barkana beel, Fish Diversity.

Introduction:- Wetlands provide tremendous economic benefits to mankind through production of various types of fishes. Beels are the natural source for supplying fish and provide employments to the fishermen population. India ranks 7th position among fish productivity nations of the world. Several workers studied about diversity. Among them Nayak and Mishra (2008), Das and Bardoloi (2012), Negi and Rajput (2012), Agarwal (2013), Lamsal *et.al.* (2014) and Abubakar *et.al.* (2015). In recent years the beel ecosystem is exploited for fishery resources. Therefore to find out the present status of fish diversity, the present study was undertaken in Barkana beel.

Materials and methods:- The study was conducted for a period of two years (2015-2017). Study was made by attending directly on the fishing spot of the beel, on the day of fishing. The fishes were collected from the fishing spot and preserved in formalin and brought to the laboratory for identification. Fish species were identified following Jayram (1981), Talwar and Jhigran (1991) and fishes were assorted according to their families.

Study area:- Barkana beel is a perennial wetland located in Barpeta district of lower Assam. Geographically it lies at the intersection of $26^{\circ}15' - 26^{\circ}30'$ N latitude and $91^{\circ}0' - 91^{\circ}15'$ E longitude and about 90 Km away towards west from the Guwahati, the capital of Assam. It is a floodplain wetland and occupies an area of about 248.42 Hectares and naturally fed by a channel locally known as Barirjan/Bhojkhowa nala. The average annual maximum and minimum water temperature being 21°C and 31.5°C .

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ABSTRACT

The present residents of the Char-Chapori (riverine) areas of Assam are largely the descendants of the immigrant Muslims, whose forefathers were originally migrated from East Pakistan (Eastern-Bengal, and now Bangladesh) during early 20th century and later. These Bengali immigrants came from the Eastern Bengal districts, most particularly Myrson Singh and Rangpur of Bangladesh. This phenomena of Bengali immigration, also originated as a gift of the British rule in India, by means of importing labours, to meet the demand of 'Panas Amalani' i.e. cheap-labours. As these immigrant Muslims and their forefathers were mostly the farmers, they always prefer to live in the alluvial riverine areas. Agriculture is the chief means of livelihood of these Char-Chapori dwellers, and their culture is also governed by their livelihood activities. These Muslims have their own traditional and customary behavioral patterns, rituals and festivals, faiths, beliefs, superstitions, art and crafts and have a unique convention of preparing and consuming rice-based folk-cuisine reflecting their folk-life and folk-culture. They traditionally prepare and consume various rice-based food items, most of which are unique in their own nature. It is important to identify the unique elements of their folk-cookery and folk-cuisine, some of which are also on the verge of disappearance. This is a field-based study, and the data and informations are mainly collected from the field. Interview and observation method is employed to collect the data. The author's primary observation and consultations with secondary data helps in formulating the idea of the study.

Keywords : Bengali Immigration, Immigrant Muslims, Brahmaputra Basin, Folk Culture, Post-Independence Period.

Introduction :

A large portion of area under the state of Assam is covered by Char-Chapori (riverine) areas. Large areas of the districts like Dhubri, Goulpara, Barpeta, Darrang, Nagaon, Kamrup, South Salmara-Mankachar, Nalbari etc. are covered by Char-Chapori areas. During Pre-Independence and Post-Independence period large numbers of Muslims from East-Bengal (now Bangladesh) were migrated to this state of India and resided in the Char-Chapori areas. In course of time these hard-working people came close to the language, literary and culture of the indigenous people of Assam. This proximity to Assamese culture helps them formulating a quaint interesting folk culture, inspired by Assamese folk-life and folklore (Sarma, 2011, pp.1-8). According to 2011 Census data there are 2251 Char-

Chapori villages in the riverine areas of the mighty Brahmaputra River and its tributaries, mostly wooded by immigrant Muslims, and that contribute 9.37 % of the total population of Assam. According to Government sources 2.39 lakh hectare land area of Assam is covered by the Char-Chapori area. About 80 % of these people live under the BPL category, and 91% of them earn their livelihood by cultivation (Census, 2011). A total of 3,600 km² area of the Brahmaputra basin is covered by the Char-Chapori area, which is about 4.6% of Assam's area (<https://www.academia.edu/17665743>). These areas are typically flood affected, and every year devastating flood cause rapid changes in the demography of the area.

As mentioned above, the residents of the Char-Chapori areas of Assam are mostly the descendants of immigrant Muslims, and the language used by them have

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