

Impact of Industrialization on Socio-cultural and Health Aspects of Tribal Groups of South Bihar, India

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ABSTRACT Tribes, of Bihar present a picturesque perspective of life and activities. They are to be found at diversified levels of cultural development. The paper aims to look into the impact of industrialization on tribals of Jamshedpur belt. Due to industrialization the social, cultural and ecological changes have occurred in tribals. The traditional tribal communities, who had so far depended solely on agriculture and forests as means of livelihood, are now facing the challenge of machine technology. The industrialization has resulted not only in the change in their socio-religious life but also in pattern of settlement and health status. Owing to the impact of various industrial forces the simple natural tribal folks have been exposed to new cultural shock. Besides, industrialization has brought in large number of alien diseases. On the whole industrialization is one of the major factors in the detribalization, and therefore, tribal population needs special attention. Industrialization, urbanization, deforestation and immigration of non-tribals have resulted in deterioration of ecology, socio-cultural and health status of the tribal groups. These factors have also led to increased exchanges of genes between tribal and non-tribal population.