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‘Gaddika’– Male Ritual in a Patrilineal Society as a Cultural Paradigm

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ABSTRACT Gaddika is a male ritual in the patrilineal society of Adiyan in which females have any role to perform. Nowadays this ritual is found to be disappearing due to the non-availability of male functionaries and negative attitude of the youngsters. Shortage of male gender results in the replacement of new roles and functionaries adopted by the expansion of functional field and diffusion at that cultural trait into the mainstream culture as an adaptation.