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## **Onyam- An Anthropological Perspective on Male Initiation Ceremony Among the Pitaran**

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**ABSTRACT** Onyam is the male initiation ceremony practised by the Pitaran caste of North Malabar area. This ritual symbolically makes a transition from infancy to bramacharyam, and only after this ritual they acquire the right to study vedas. This is a long ceremony lasts for four days, and requires expenditures. This is also a kind of individual order obtained through the relationship between the forms of particular ritual acts and daily social behaviour.

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