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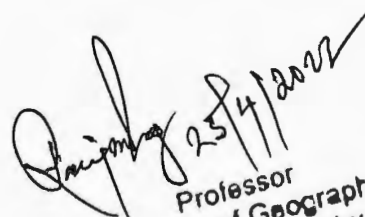
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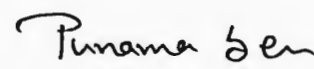

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PREFACE

Tribal people are often considered as the marginalized and under developed community of a society. Their backwardness is caused by a number of their very own type of factors. Educational backwardness is one of the most important factors among these. Educational development can help the tribal community to lead their overall development. The thesis entitled as **“Educational Status of Tribal Population in Siliguri Sub-division, Darjiling District, West Bengal: A Geographical Analysis”** is prepared based on my research work and field survey carried out during 2019-2020. The thesis is focused on the educational status of tribal population in the Siliguri Sub-division. It elaborately describes the present educational development status of the tribals in the study area and also finds out the factors those are affecting the educational development of them. Different statistical techniques have been used to establish the relation between the different factors of education. The present work also attempts to find out the solutions of the hindrances to the educational development of the tribal population in the study area. The study also highlighted the socio-economic condition of the tribal people in the sub-division and shows a comparative study on socio-economic conditions of tribal people among the four C.D. blocks in the sub-division.

The study divided into seven chapters; Chapter- I Introduction, Chapter-II gives a brief outline on the physical and cultural background of the study area, Chapter-III highlights the socio-economic profile of the tribal population in the study area, Chapter- IV describes the educational status of the tribal population in the study area, Chapter-V deals with the controlling factors of tribal education, Chapter-VI finds out the relation between education and economic condition of tribals in the study area and finally Chapter-VII highlights the major findings of the research work, gives suggestive measures to overcome the problems and draws a conclusion of the research work.


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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

APL	Above Poverty Level
BDO	Block Development Officer
BPL	Below Poverty Line
CC	Cash Credit
CD	Community Development
CI	Composite Index
CoE	Coefficient of Equality
CT	Census Town
DBT	Direct Benefit Transfer
DI	Dimension Index
EDI	Economic Development Index
GOI	Government of India
GP	Gram Panchayat
GPI	Gender Parity Index
HDI	Housing Development Index
HH	Household
HRA	House Rent Allowance
HS	Higher Secondary
LPG	Liquefied petroleum gas
LQ	Location Quotient
MC	Municipal Corporation
MGNREGA	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
MWCD	Ministry for Women and Child Development
NCC	National Cadet Corps
NEP	National Education Policy
NGOs	Non-Government Organisations
NSO	National Statistical Office
NYP	National Youth Policy
ODF	Open Defecation Free
PVTG	Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups
SC	Scheduled Caste
SDI	Social Development Index
SSA	Sarva Siksha Abhiyan
SSK	Shishu Shiksha Kendras
ST	Scheduled Tribe
TGs	Tea Gardens
TW	Tube Well
WPR	Work Participation Rate