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Fourth chapter reveals 'an enquiry of Tribal Development in the district of Jalpaiguri. The chapter also attempts to discuss Infrastructure Development Scheme for the welfare of Scheduled Tribe people from 1992 to 2002 by the Central Government and State Government. The chapter consists of different welfare programmes which mainly looked after the Scheduled Tribes.

The fifth chapter entitled as 'an enquiry of Tribal Development in the district of Cooch Behar. The chapter has tried to represent the Infrastructure Development Schemes and community benefits.

Chapter sixth's headlines as 'A Comparative Study of the Tribal Development in the districts of Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar. The present chapter attempts to examine the possible effects of tribal development programmes for tribes in both the districts, like population, education, health, agriculture, economic aspects, economic status etc. Chapter seven is on the major 'Findings of the study and chapter nine is 'conclusion'.

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