

Ecological System and Economic Life among the Parajas of Orissa

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ABSTRACT In the last decade, the ecological approaches to human society have become very popular mainly because of the events of environmental degradation. Ecological crises have affected all societies but the small scale societies have experienced the worst consequences of the degradation of their environment. In this paper the relationship between eco-system and economic life of the Parajas of the Koraput District of Orissa has been examined. After giving a succinct account of the Parajas, their economic life in relation with the ecological cycle has been described. Interaction between technology, environment and economy has been worked out.