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Social Dimensions of Politics: The Case of Tribal Democracy in Sikkim

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ABSTRACT The paper discusses the tribal democracy among the Bhutias of North Sikkim and is a part of the study undertaken under the research Project entitled "Impact of Human Activities on the Ecosystems and viceversa with references to the Sikkim Himalayas" under MAB (Men and Biosphere) Programme, UNESCO. The Bhutias inhabit the hill tracks of North Sikkim. This paper examines the traditional socio-political system of Bhutias of Lachen and Lachung in North Sikkim.