

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 vice-versa 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.