

## **Cultural Homogeneity and Economic Disparity: A Case of Discriminatory Approach in Social Transformation**

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**ABSTRACT** Focusing on the Scheduled Tribes of Jaunsar Bawar, this paper shows that in terms of structural and cultural factors, Jaunsar-Bawar and Jaunpur-Rawain are mirror images, but are placed at polar ends with respect to recent changes and developmental aspects. The people of Jaunsar-Bawar constitute a Scheduled Tribe, but not of Jaunpur-Rawain. One does not understand this anomaly except that it is an irony of administrative decision. Although some blocks of Jaunpur are tribal development blocks, but the people are not given the 'protective measures' that is, reservation in services, educational institutions, and other concessions guaranteed under the Constitution of India.