

## **Ethnic Communities and their Cross Border Interactions: A Study of the Dalus of Indo-Bangladesh Border**

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**ABSTRACT** The north-eastern region of India is a homeland for numerous ethnic groups who are distinct in their origins, traditions, customs, language, race, religion and geographical locations. The ethnic population of the region are mostly minority groups in context of population size, socio-culturally, linguistically, economically, as well as politically. However, there are even some ethnic groups, who are recognised as minority within the minority groups. The present paper deals with such a community who comes under the above category. This paper provides a detailed discussion on the socio-political and economic status of the Dalus of Garo Hills and Mymensingh. The paper also studies their intra-ethnic interactions across the Indo-Bangladesh border. The study is an exploratory one, based on both primary and secondary data sources.