

***Roghara Parve:***  
**A Festival or a Custom Related to Health and  
Pollution among Mundas**

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**ABSTRACT** Like every tribe Mundas also celebrated a large number of festivals, but for the first time, a festival named *Roghara* was noticed by the researcher among Mundas during her fieldwork among Munda tribe in 2006. There is a large number of ethnographic works on Munda tribe but any reference of this festival or custom in ethnographic works on Munda tribes is unavailable. This festival is based on the concept of pollution caused by evil spirits, which cause health problems on the villages affected by it. The chief point noted during observation is, that, this festival is celebrated by both *Sarna* (those Mundas who worship Nature) and Christian populations (converted to Christianity) together, which show that *Roghara* is more a custom in their culture than a religious festival. This research paper clearly shows, with the description of *Roghara Parve* that, how each and every festival has a certain objective behind it and they are essential for smooth functioning of our social life.