

Poverty Portrayal in the Context of Rural Bengal: A Case-Study of Purulia District of West Bengal

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ABSTRACT India in the post –Independence years has not witnessed adequate advancement in her economic set- up. Poverty was rooted in Indian soil as far back as in the 18th century and rural Bengal particularly is the victim of bruises of poverty. The present paper unleashes the portrayal of poverty in one of the worst affected Districts of West Bengal, i.e. Purulia. This is a picture of daily struggle for existence shouldered by the tribals of Purulia. The paper also uncovers some of the remedial measures that have been launched by the Participatory Forest Management Team in order to annihilate poverty to a certain extent at micro level. The authors have attempted to show how the tribals of a certain area of Purulia have been largely benefited in raising their socio- economic standard by these experimental measures.