

© Kamla-Raj 2000
PRINT: ISSN 0972-0073 ONLINE: ISSN 2456-6802

Anthropologist, 2(2): 69-76 (2000)
DOI: 10.31901/24566802.2000/02.02.01

Participation of the Telugu Speaking Immigrants in the Religious Activities of the Host Society

Deepak Kumar Behera* and Ranju H. Sahoo

**Department of Anthropology, Sambalpur University, Sambalpur 768 019, Orissa, India Fax: 0091-663-404000/430158, Email: dkb@vsnl.com*

KEYWORDS Immigrants. Religious Participation. Local Festival. Socio-cultural Adjustment

ABSTRACT Adjustment is perhaps the most fundamental postulate underlying all immigration programs. On arriving at the place of immigration the immigrants face an entirely new situation in which they have to undergo a long process of reorientation. They have to adjust to totally different patterns of behavior, new values and ideologies which may differ considerably from the ones they were used to. The immigrants try to put some order into the alien unstructured situation. Their participation in various socio-cultural activities of the host society is an interesting and significant aspect for anthropological exploration. In this paper an attempt has been made to examine the nature of participation of a group of Telugu speaking immigrants in the religious activities of the host society. The study was conducted in Attabira block of Bargarh district in western Orissa. With the help of empirical data the paper tried to verify some hypotheses in the context of participation of the immigrants in the religious activities of the host society.