



A Study Among Some “Meendharas” of Sunderbans, West Bengal

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ABSTRACT There are a number of communities in India living in underprivileged conditions. Much of the endeavour to alleviate their position is wasted for the lack of proper knowledge into their cultural tradition and socio-economic milieu. Present study is made among the meendharas, the prawn seed collectors, of the village Kamdebnagar, Pathar Pratima block of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal. Government of India earns quite a good amount of foreign currency from the trade of frozen prawn. The meendharas are lying at the lowest rung of the system. An anthropological study is made on meendharas so that problem of these people may be properly understood and their lot could be improved in a scientific way.

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