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TRIBAL WOMEN: THEIR PROBLEMS AND MEANS OF EMPOWERMENT

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ABSTRACT

Tribal women from time immemorial have been performing multifaceted roles. They play simultaneous role of a daughter, sister, wife, mother and their activities are no less than their male counterpart. Their main task includes bearing and rearing children, household works and above all to satisfy all the members of the family. In many societies, especially in rural areas, tribal women take the responsibility of fetching drinking water, collecting fuel- wood, weaving, keeping animals, selling vegetables and other household and hand-made products in the local market, take part in agricultural activities from sowing to harvesting etc. With social change and modernization though the role of tribal women living in urban areas has changed remarkably, their participation in the welfare of the family and contribution towards the society is all the same. They are working in offices, teaching pupils from school level to the universities, doing multifarious business, engaged themselves in the corporate world, extending their contribution to the Army, Navy and Air force, taking parts in various games and sports, taking active parts in politics, doing social service either individually or by opening NGOs and women's organisations and so on.