The problem of indigenous peoples has become the focus of attention not only to Assam or India but to the entire global communities by and large in the contemporary world order. The Journey from gradual de-tribalisation to re-tribalisation of the aboriginal peoples occupies the central place against assertion of its own distinct identity in the Darwinian jungle theory of survival of the fittest.

It is, in this concern, a study based on the socio-legal perspective in Assam context relating to the autonomy movements of the plains tribes is a desideratum. The present study entitled ‘SOCIO-LEGAL STUDY OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF ASSAM WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO AUTONOMY MOVEMENTS OF PLAINS TRIBES’ attempts to trace out the causes of the prolong political unrest amongst the plains and hills tribes of Assam from historical, anthropological, sociological and legal points of views. Further, the constitutional and statutory provisions and its scope and ambit are studied from the judicial perspective with the help of the decided cases. To have a better appreciation of the Assam position, a comparative analysis of Indian tribes and the international instruments in respect of indigenous peoples against their safeguards and protection is also studied. Moreover, it is supplemented by an empirical study to understand the perception of the grass-root common citizens from a cross-sections of the society like politicians, legal experts, leaders of the autonomy movement and the common
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