PREFACE

It is a universally accepted fact that the children are the future of a nation. Every society has its own norms of upbringing the children for making them socially acceptable members. As a whole, child rearing involves overall physical, mental and social care of the child since prenatal period. The north-eastern region of India is quite different than that of rest of the country, especially the tribal societies. Therefore, an attempt has been made to carry out research on child rearing practices in three tribal communities of Assam: a study among the Deoris, Garos and the Karbis, in various places of the state inhabited by the selected tribal communities for the study.

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