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Advent of tea in Assam is responsible to constitute the tea garden community of Assam. The word 'community' however, met with a number of protests from a number of educated persons from among them. Santosh Kumar Topno, the founder Secretary of Assam Tea Tribes Association, objects on the ground that, the word refers to the religiously constituted people. He supported the word 'tribes' to indicate the different castes and tribes among them. My own perception, that the word 'tribes' refers them separately at individual castes and tribes when all of them living a common way of life since more than a century back. The word 'community' refers to the different groups of people living together. So, it is appropriate to use this word to refer them collectively and I have used this word throughout my explanations in this work.

The community is composed of 115 different castes and tribes originally belong to the different parts of the country. Among them the Oriya people are one of the major groups covering about 30 percent of the whole community. Formal study of the tea garden community started only from the last two or three decades. These studies cover the whole community and they do not have separate writings of the major communities within it. A few of the recent works, however, refer to some of the tribes and castes but are inadequate in their information. Having come from Oriya family myself, I felt responsible to record the present socio-cultural tradition of this society. Being a student of Folklore, I undertake to study on the Social Folk Custom of this society in folkloristic viewpoint.
In this work I have tried my best to record all the traditional habits of the Oriya origin in the tea plantation at present. Naturally, most of my collections are the assimilated remains. So, one may feel them to be the common habits of the community as a whole. But there are a number of rituals, similar to their neighbouring castes or tribes; are the adoptions in their previous place. In the plantation of Assam the family rituals are not affected much. But the socio-cultural behaviour found assimilated or adopted in many cases.

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