THE THESIS IS ENTITLED - "BUDDHIST TRIBAL WOMEN IN TRIPURA"

ABSTRACT

The first chapter is concerned with the geographical, ecological, topographical and tribal demographic statement deciphered as existed in the State of Tripura specially attested with the Buddhist tribes of Tripura.

The second chapter deals in detail, the embodiment of social customs distinct patterns relating to the Buddhist Tribal women as revealed in the prospectus of life where the Tribal people has embraced the religion envisaged by the compassionate the Lord Buddha.

The third chapter is devoted to describe the historical and social overall essence embedded in a comparative study of Tribal Buddhist women of Plane Land and Hill-Tract. In this chapter I have drawn the traditional life style of female Hill-Tract and Plane -Land women who are running after elegance of modern manner.

The fourth chapter emphasises the importance of the Buddhist temples of Tripura where I observed the deep-rooted Buddhism alluring by the Buddhist Viharas and temples throughout the nook and corner of the eight Districts of Tripura State. Here I discussed the structure of the temples, Buddha images, existing Vikkhus etc. Further I discussed about the temples such as: Venuvan Vihara- Agartala, Saddhamma Bana Vihara Chanmari- Agartala, Boxanagar- Sonamura, Kunjaban Dharmajoti Buddha Vihara-Udaipur, Dhamma Sukkha Monastery- Birchandra Manu, Pilak-South Tripura, Shyamsundar Assram Tilla- Pilak, Mahamuni Buddha Vihara- Manu Bankul Sabroom, Mahamuni Buddha Temple -Dhalai, Kanchanpur Buddha Vihara- North Tripura, Uddyan Buddha Vihara- Pecharthal-North Tripura, Jyotibana Buddha Vihara- Dharmanagar and newly discovered Buddhist civilisation of Bishalgarh- Sipahijala etc.

In the fifth chapter, i.e., the concluding one, attempt has been actuated for the assimilation of illuminating love, laurels and pure pity for all beings of the universe which I discussed the previous chapters of the Thesis. Tribal Communities of Tripura has enraptured, specially, the social and simple hearted tribal women folk of this State. The hardworking Tribal women adept in domestic and outdoor affairs as Jhuming, bamboo, cane, handicraft and staunch followers Buddhism like, (1) Chakma, (2) Mog and (3) Uchai out of nineteen clans has bestowed acute stress to ascertain their unblemished prospect of stainless style of Buddhist life.

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