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3.1 Importance Of The Work :

The Researcher is interested in carrying out researches in Social Science. India is a vast country with different regions differing in Costumes, Cultures and Traditions besides Language, Literature, Geographical Peculiarities, Art and Architecture.

Gujarat is also one of the Traditional Parts of India. It consists of many Communities, Tribals and Non-tribals.

The Investigator had an interest specially to know about the tribal living in Gujarat and that too, the existence of some of these are not much known to many people. She was also keen to find the places, where tribes are found and was more interested in studying their Life style, Traditions, Customs, Costumes, Ornaments, Hairstyle, Footwear as well as Cultural Background.

The researcher had noticed the general impression of the people about tribals, their beliefs and fear for them. People have strong impression about tribals that they stay far away from the city, live either in hilly areas or in forests and they are short tempered and not allowed any unknown to enter in their periphery. And someone makes an attempt against their wish then don’t hesitate in taking life of that person. Even tribals have fear for nontribals. They stay in scattered places and so they try to be safe from unknown people.

Hence the investigator felt need and become more curious to go there, to establish rapport with them and highlight their lifestyle.

In tribal areas a variety of ethno-linguistic groups are culturally distinct from non-tribals. Traditional tribal culture as well as an art is reflected by their clothing style. Each tribe has their own characteristic style of clothing and adorning their body having symbolic significance. They were able to maintain identity of their own as they were living in forests and hills the inaccessible area in isolation.

The economic life of these tribals is closely connected with farming and the produce of the forest which is totally depended on the Natural Resources like
Land, Sun, River, Cloud, Rainfall, Soil etc. With the result majority live in poverty or below poverty line.

Change is the law of nature and it will come everywhere even in the remotest places although its degree and speed vary from society to society. Tribal society has also been the victim of this change. It is true opinion of "Changmain".

The mode of clothing was changing slowly in early days, but due to increased outer activities and education, communication etc. rapid changes are taking place. It was noted in tribals too as the situations changed. Government, Non-Government Organisations, many other Agencies as well as well wishers of our country have made an efforts for tribals' welfare and reduce their hardship as well as drudgery. With the development, industrialization and availability of transport their mobility is increased. For labour work they started moving to towns and cities. With this they accepted few changes in their life style. To some extent the tribals and non-tribals became known to each other too and behavioural change was also taken place in them.

The researcher wanted to study whether the same impact is also seen in tribals still living in the remote places, far away from the city or town and which are not easily approachable to each other.

Even today very few written records are available and that too in few Institutions only. The existence of different tribes are unknown to many other communities and people.

After reviewing the available literature the investigator came to know the dearth of information on tribals, their Traditions, Customs and Costumes.

Hence there is a need to retain the traditional costumes of the tribes by preserving them before they are abandoned in the form of documentation.

The investigator felt need of reliable records, documentation in traditions, customs and type of Costumes, Ornaments and Accessories worn by the Tribals of Dahod district.

It was also needed to study the various demographic and socio-cultural factors had any relation and has brought any change.

The investigator noted the oral traditions and customs and felt need of recording them too.
Hence the study of Traditions, Customs and Costumes of Dahod District was taken up by the Investigator, so that the records, documentations, costumes, their details etc. will be retained before they are abandoned.

It will provide long-term excess and will be brought in light so that urban people or any interested person can know about tribal culture and costumes.

The Investigator will fulfill the needs by describing the details of the Traditions, Customs and Costumes, Documentation and Illustrations of their Draped and Tailored Costumes, Headgears, and Jewellery etc. with details.

3.2 Major Objectives:

(1) To study the demographic details of the tribes residing in Dahod District.

(2) To study the Traditions, Customs and Costumes of Tribes of Dahod District.

3.2.1 Specific Objectives:

(1) To study the Traditions of Tribes of Dahod District.

(2) To study the Customs of Tribes of Dahod District.

(3) To study the Traditional and Existing Costumes worn by the tribes of Dahod District.

(4) To Analyze the Constructional Details of the Traditional Tailored Garments.

(5) To Document Schematically the details of the Traditional Draped Garments.

(6) To study the Clothing Behaviour of Selected Tribes in relation to Demographic Variables.

(7) To study the Socio-cultural factors that influence Clothing Behaviour of Tribes of Dahod District.