CHANGING OCCUPATIONAL TRENDS OF THE BRASS ARTISAN MORIA COMMUNITY OF BRAHMAPUTRA VALLEY OF ASSAM, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO LAKHIMPUR DISTRICT

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Abstract

Change of occupational pattern, today is a common trend in every developing society. As like, the Brass artisan of Brahmaputra Valley of Assam is also no difference in this regard. The trusted Canon and Gun maker during the Ahom rulers and now the traditional brass item manufacturer of Assam, the Morias are now economically very backward. Now a day, most of the new generations have been switching over to other tertiary activities. But, a very less number of Morias are still trying to revive their traditional work. An attempt has been made in this paper to discuss the present trend of changing occupational pattern of the Morias and the causes behind this occupational shift and also to discuss the traditional occupation and poor economic conditions of the Brass artisans.

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