

Socio-economic Status of Women in Bakarwal Tribe

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Abstract—*The status of women is a complex issue as it varies from society to society. The status of women in tribal communities is also a contested issue where some works support their higher status and other works present gloomy picture. Bakarwal women who add up almost half of the total Bakarwal population shares the backwardness of this tribe. The Bakarwal women are the worst performers in various indices of social and economic status. They are not much impacted by the forces of modernity operating in the society. Issues like low sex-ratio, low literacy, child marriage, low rate of political participation, denial of inheritance rights, etc. characterizes the life of Bakarwal women. Like all other communities, development and empowerment of Bakarwal tribe also depends upon the upliftment of Bakarwal women. This paper will examine the reasons responsible for low socio-economic status of Bakarwal woman and its effect on her 'agency'.*