

Tribals in Transition; an Emerging Trend of de-tribalisation among Gujjar and Bakerwals of Kashmir

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Abstract—Gujjar and Bakerwals are the third largest ethnic group in Jammu and Kashmir. They constitute 11.9 % of the total population in the state as per (2011) census .The present study will try to explore how tribal people especially Gujjar and Bakerwals of kashmir valley are leaving their indigenous tribal identity, inculcating and integrating with the dominating culture of Society. Due to certain social processes and ample opportunities of mobility, tribes are leaving their values and other patterns of life. This has led to reduction of degree of social cohesion and solidarity of the Gujjar and Bakerwals of Kashmir. It seems the adaptation of heterogeneous values and procedures are responsible for fast emerging process of de - tribalisation among the tribes of Kashmir. The present paper will try to analyze the major factors responsible for this complex phenomenon of de-tribalisation. The researcher will rely on both primary as well as secondary sources of data. For better understating of the current phenomena the tool of unstructured interview schedule and in - depth interview seems more appropriate. Besides that the researcher will try to arrive at sociological derivations of the current phenomenon of de- tribalisation among tribal of Kashmir.

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