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ABSTRACT

A study of history and culture of Khas of Guthichaur, Jumla is a representative vision of the reality. Main thrust of the present study is to examine the history of Khas people and their present status, to explore the physical cultures of Khas of Guthichaur and to observe the socio-cultural condition of Khas of Guthichaur. The population of my study was the elderly people of Guthichaur. Among them only few elderly people was selected as sample population using purposive procedures because it is in depth and was easy to cooperate with the participants. Primary and secondary sources of data are used for the research. Interview questionnaire and observation are the main tools of data collection.

Conclusion was derived after finalizing the whole research work.

Interpretative and explanatory ideas are included in conclusion.

Khas are an Indo-Aryan ethno-linguistic group. It tries to better understand the community, culture, social life, and habits of people from Khas Culture. Khas people have their own customs because Khas communities have more indolence of cultures and religions, recently due to the role of development and migration they came in contact with other cultures and religions. Descriptions are based on informants and observation.

Naming, Rice feeding, Tonsure ceremony, Bartabandha, Marriage and Death are importance life cycle ceremonies. Khas people used celebrate different types of festivals as per their caste and religion. Some festivals are common to every caste and some not. The festivals celebrated to Dashain, Tihar, Janaipurnima, Maghesankarnti, Saunesankranti, Mata Tirtha, Aunshi (Mother's day) and Gokarna Aunsi are significance festivals. Mast Puja, Nagh Puja, Kulani Puja and Saraswoti Puja are main worship.

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ABBREVIATION

CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
HELP	Help Education Literate Program
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
TU	Tribhuvan University
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
VDC	Village Development Committee