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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study is to describe the ethnography of the Dom community, a socially excluded caste group of Terai, Nepal. For this purpose, Siraha municipality of Siraha-District was selected purposively. There are total 20 households of the Dom Community and their total population is 247(male: 120, female: 127). Descriptive and analytic methods are used in this study. Mainly primary data are used focusing on qualitative in nature.

The Dom community is traditionally an occupational caste. Their main occupation is making a variety of baskets and sell them. They are Sudra and known as Achhut (Untouchable). They migrated from India to Nepal about five or six generations back. The Dom of Siraha-District is also migrated from India and they first settled at Madar, near headquarter of Siraha-district.

The Dom is Hindu. They follow Hindu religion and worship Hindu Gods and Goddesses. The festivals of the Dom are similar with other Hindu castes. They mainly celebrate Dashain, Tihar, Maghe Sakranti, Chhatha Parva, Naga Panchami, Chaurchan, Jur sital, Faguwa (Holi or Hori).

The Dom is poor and exploited by higher castes. Most of them are landless and uneducated. Therefore, they are backward in every field. In the study-sites, it is difficult to see their traditional type of dresses and ornaments. They speak Maithili language.

However, caste based discrimination is not so rigid as it was in the past, but some discriminations can be seen clearly. The Dom is not allowed to enter the home of upper castes. They have separate tube-wells for their own use because they are not allowed to fetch water either from the private or public tube-wells.

The Doms are not found actively participating in local and national political affairs. Most of them are only voters. They have not access in local resources management. They are not aware about to get their citizenship and to register

the vital events. There is satisfactory trend of getting health services from governmental health offices in the Dom community.

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ACRONYMS

AMDP	Annul Municipality Development Plan
B.S	Bikram Sambat
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
RM	Rural Municipality
DDC	District Development Committee
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organization
INGOs	International Non-Governmental Organization
COs	Community Offices
GOs	Government Offices
No.	Number
P.	Page
S.N.	Serial Number
Sq.	Square
Km	Kilo Meter
HHs	Households
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
UN	United Nation
NPHC	National Population and Housing Census