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ABSTRACT

This study is related to the Factors of political and economical Marginalization of Santhal Community: A Case study of Maharanihoda VDC, Jhapa District. The objective of this study was to assess the socio-economic status, role of political factors for their backwardness and to analyze the challenges of mainstreaming them in development of santhal community. This case study was necessarily of qualitative and descriptive in nature. The study was conducted with the sample size of 20-25 households. For focus Group Discussion 10-12 representatives are selected from the same community purposively from the jatruchaun, Maharanihoda VDC. Tools for the data collection was used interview schedule, household survey and focus group discussion. Face to face interview with Selected santhal and non santhal people and political leaders along with so called social leaders. The household survey was used to collect demographic data and analyzed. Such collected data was analyzed by using thematic categorization and interpreted descriptively. This study has been organized into six chapters.

The findings of the study show that very poor socio economic condition of santhal community. Political participation from their community is also not so satisfactory as they are in minor power politically. Major challenges for mainstreaming are low education, poor socio-economic situation, less aware towards their own power and rights for justices and low social cohesion and sanitation. Thus they need more economical and skills development activities along with the awareness activities for their justices are my conclusion.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BS	Bikram Sambat
CBS	Central bureau of statistics
DDC	District Development Committee
VDC	Village development committee
HHs	Households
I.E	For example
KII	Key Informants Interview
NR	Nepalese Rupees
NGO	Non-government organization
INGO	International Non-government Organization
LPG	Light Petroleum Gas
NFE	Non Formal Education
LWF	Luthran World Federation
NFDIN	National Foundation for development of Indigenous Nationalists
Sq.km	Square Kilometers
HHS	Household survey
NLSS	Nepal living standards survey
Kg	Kilogram
FGD	Focused Group Discussion
SLC	School leaving certificate