

Gandhian Philosophy of Self-Sufficiency and Livelihood of the Tiwa Tribe: A Study

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Abstract

The issue of survival had become a major concern during and after the lockdown period. The COVID-19 pandemic had only hampered the usual social life but also the economy across the world. In this context, the issue of self-sustainability re-emerged. Different measures have been taken to make the world economy self-reliant. It is noteworthy that certain societies of India already had economic self-sustainability which was not much influenced by the race of globalization. Among them certain ethnic groups are prominent. Here the Tiwa (*Lalung*) ethnic group from Assam can be taken as an example. The Home Economy of Tiwa may be well reflected in Gandhi's idea of *Swadeshi* and in the idea of *Atmanirbhar Bharat* promoted by the Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi. Here an effort has been made to see the similarities between the 'Home Economy' of the Tiwa and the Gandhian pattern as well as to see its relevance in the present global scenario. The issue of survival has become a major concern during and after the lockdown period due to a pandemic like COVID-19.

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Introduction

The unexpected eruption of the COVID-19 pandemic put the whole world on pause. Such a crisis has not only hampered the usual social life of the people but also the economy across the world. In this context, the issue of a self-sustained economy re-emerged. Different measures have been taken to

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