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Developmental Models For Tribal Livelihood: An Analytical Understanding

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Abstract: *The term 'Tribal' has almost become synonymous with words like marginalized, exploited, discriminated, deprived and oppressed insasmuch, that above words are altogether used in the maximum context of tribal society. Tribes across India continue to remain 'poorest of the poor' in spite of policies and programmes pursued for their betterment in the last 7 decades in Independent India. The Sahariya tribe of Rajasthan is therefore no exception. The Indian State since independence has undertaken a wide range of initiatives to ameliorate the socio-economic conditions of this tribe with positive intent, however due to misplaced priorities and poor execution of schemes, the end result is far from being satisfactory.*

Objectives: *Objective of this paper is to elucidate the political economy of Indian tribes with specific reference to Sahariya Tribe of Baran (Rajasthan) and critically examine the steps initiated by Indian State for Socio-Economic development of this tribe for their efficacy and impact.*

Methodology: *The study uses primary data collected through field surveys by using participation observation and secondary data has been collected from Shahabad office,*

government reports, research articles, books and open source domain.

Findings: *The study finds out that despite 70 years of sustained efforts by Indian State, the Socio-Economic condition of Sahariya Tribe of Baran remains much below par in comparison to its other tribal counterparts in Rajasthan. The same is attributable to Indian state's weak Policy formulation and poor execution of schemes and lack of community participation by the tribe.*

Conclusion: *The study concludes that much has been done by the state to improve the Socio-Economic condition (In the context of overall improvement of Political Economy of state), of Sahariya tribe of Baran, there is still a lot of ground to be covered with respect to correct policy formulation and subsequent execution.*

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