

IMPACT OF GOVERNMENTAL SCHEMES AND WELFARE MEASURES IN EMPOWERING DEORI TRIBAL WOMEN OF NORTH AND SOUTH BANK OF BRAHMAPUTRA VALLEY IN ASSAM: A CASE STUDY

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ABSTRACT:

The different tribal communities of Assam are the resources for Socio-Economic developments. The 'Deori' or 'Deori' are one of the largest tribal communities of Assam. The study deals with the investigation of the Governmental Schemes and Welfare Measures in empowering Deori tribal women of North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam.

***Key Words:** Impact, Governmental Schemes, Welfare Measures, Empowering, Deori, Tribal, Women, North, South Bank, Brahmaputra Valley, Assam.*

INTRODUCTION:

India is recognized for its variety of tribes, their socio-economic identity, culture, religion and caste system. The 'Deori' is one of the major indigenous tribes of Assam. The impact of Deori women in the Deori community is of great value. At this juncture, the main attempt of this research paper is to glorify the Governmental Schemes and Welfare Measures in empowering the Deori tribal women of North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam.

STATEMENT OF THE RESEARCH PROBLEM:

Governmental Schemes and Welfare Measures are the main bases for any development. Since there is no adequate research on the Governmental Schemes and Welfare Measures of Deori women, it is necessary to conduct an awareness programme on the Deori Women of North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam.

RATIONALE OF THE STUDY:

Governmental Schemes and Welfare Measures of the Deori Women are of massive significance in Indian tribal identity.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE:

Different literature on Governmental Schemes and Welfare Measures of different tribal communities has been carried out. Some studies also have been carried on Governmental Schemes and Welfare Measures for the tribals of Assam.

1. P.K. Khare (1991) in his title 'Social Change of Indian Tribes' highlights about the development of socio-economic profile.
2. H. C. Upadhyay (1991) in his edited title 'Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribes in India' focuses about the multidisciplinary exploration of Indian tribes.
3. Some researchers have been conducted research on Governmental Schemes and Welfare Measures of Indian tribes and Indian tribal women.
4. Some researchers also have been conducted research on Governmental Schemes and Welfare Measures on the Tribes of Assam and Tribal women of Assam.
5. Yet, no such study has been conducted so far regarding the Governmental Schemes and Welfare Measures of the Deori Women of North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:

1. To find out the status of Deori Women on Governmental schemes for development in North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam.
2. To identify the Governmental aid for Weaving and Handicrafts.

HYPOTHESES:

1. There is no status on Deori Women Governmental Schemes.
2. There is no Welfare Measures or Governmental aid for Weaving and Handicrafts.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

The research paper is based upon descriptive study that followed the quantitative approach. A Purposive and Stratified Random Sampling Technique was adopted for the selection of sample so that necessary data can be accumulated from the Deori women regarding their Governmental Schemes and Welfare Measures from the selected rural Deori villages of North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam.

Table [1]

Details of Methods and Data Source of the Objectives			
Sl. No.	Objectives	Data	Method
1	To know the status of Deori Women Governmental schemes for development in North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam.	Primary	Percentage, Bar diagram
2	To identify about the Governmental aid for Weaving and Handicrafts for the Deori Women in North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam	Primary	Percentage, Bar diagram

RESEARCH DESIGN:

- (i) **Method of the Study:** A descriptive survey method was used in this study.
- (ii) **Locale of the Study:** The study was conducted in the rural villages of North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam.
- (iii) **Sample:** The researcher visited 200 Deori household from North Bank and 200 from South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam but selected 149 samples from North Bank and 145 from South Bank for the study.
- (iv) **Selection of the Respondents:** In the present study of North Bank of Brahmaputra Valley villages, 1. Namdeori Village of West Jorhat Revenue Circle in Jorhat district as biggest 2. Kakilamari Village of Demow Revenue Circle in Sivsagar district as middle and 3. Rajabari Village of Demow Revenue Circle in Sivasagar district in Assam as smallest in the North Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam as per the serious discussion and guidance of the Deori Community since there is no adequate census report for its specific dimensions as biggest, middle and smallest.

On the other hand, the selected villages from South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley: 1. Bordeori Village of Narayanpur Revenue Circle in Lakhimpur district as biggest 2. Baghgarah Village of Bihpuria

Revenue Circle in Lakhimpur district as middle and 3. Dusutimukh Village of Bhogpur of Narayanpur Revenue Circle in Lakhimpur district in Assam as smallest in the South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam.

- (v) **Tool Used:** Questionnaire has been followed as an important tool.
- (vi) **Procedure for Data Collection:** Investigator collected the data personally by visiting the households of the sample Deori Women.
- (vii) **Data Analysis:** The data are analyzed by using quantitative method.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

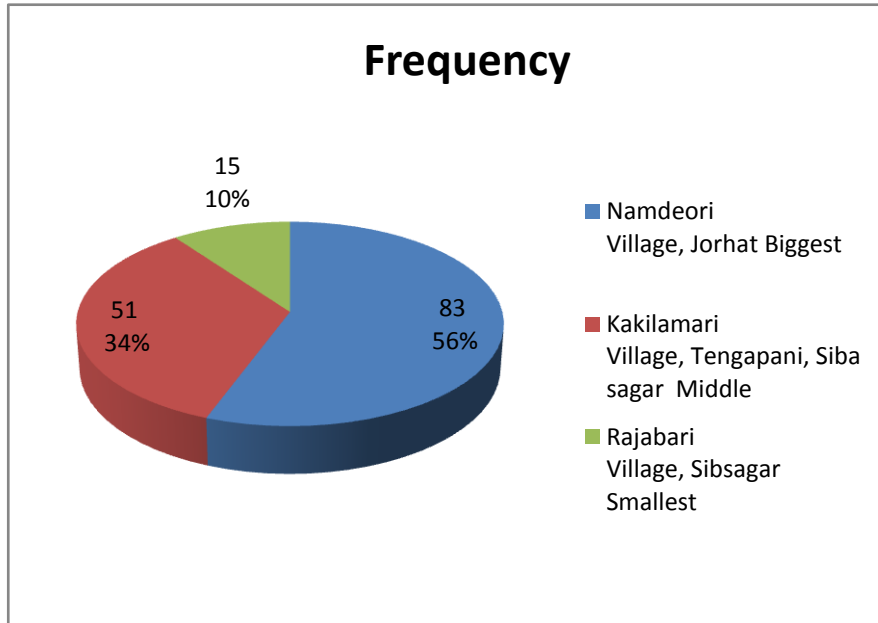
The study for the objectives covers the awareness levels on Governmental Schemes and Welfare Measures of the Deori women from North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam. The results of the present study in addition to related discussions have been presented under following sub headings:

Table-[2]
Respondent(s) in Selected Villages from North and South Part

Sl No	Villages of Respondent	Size (area wize)	Frequency	Percentage
North Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam				
1	Namdeori Village, Jorhat	Biggest	83	55.71
2	Kakilamari Village, Tengapani, Sibasagar	Middle	51	34.23
3	Rajabari Village, Sibsagar	Smallest	15	10.06
Total			149	100
South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam				
1	Bordeori Village of Narayanpur Revenue Circle in Lakhimpur District	Biggest	80	55.17
2	Bahgarah Village of Bihpuria in Lakhimpur District	Middle	50	34.48
3	Dusutimukh Village of Bhogpur of Narayanpur Revenue Circle in Lakhimpur District	Smallest	15	10.35
Total			145	100

Source: Primary Data (Field survey)

Figure-1
Respondents of North Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam



Respondents of South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam

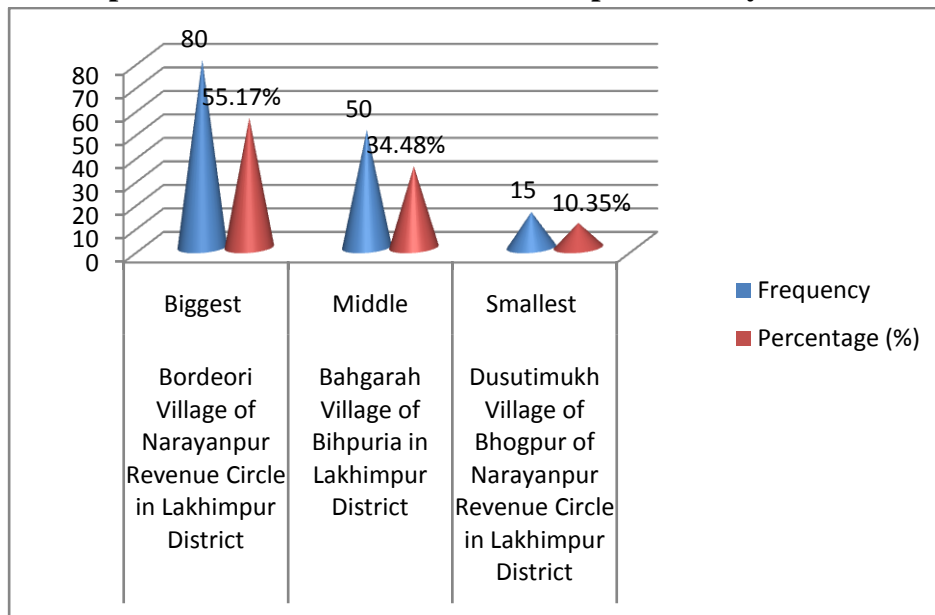


Table -2: represented that the Governmental Schemes and Welfare Measures towards Deori Women for tribal development in North and South Part of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam where from North and South Bank 294 samples are collected from 6(Six) Deori rural villages.

Hence, 294 samples are used for the study after calculating Cochran's sample size determination formula.

It is highlighted that B-N1, M- N2, S- N3. Hence, N1+ N2+ N3.

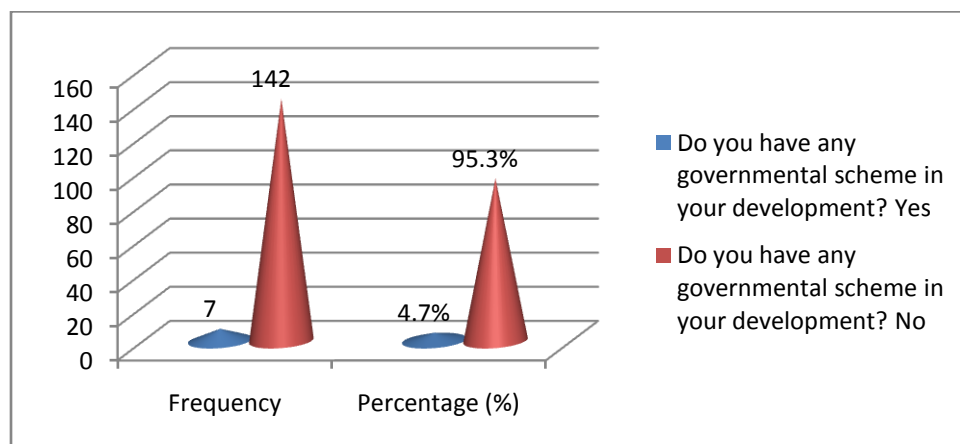
Table-3
Governmental Schemes and Welfare Measures for the Deori Women in North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam

Objective No	Characteristics	North Bank		South Bank		Chi-Square value (d.f)	P value
		Yes	Frequency Percentage (%)	Yes	Frequency Percentage (%)		
Objective 1	Do you have any governmental scheme in your development?	Yes	7 4.7	Yes	52 35.9	44.550 (1)	0.001
		No	142 95.3	No	93 64.1		
Objective 2	Do you have any governmental aid for Weaving and Handicrafts?	Yes	26 17.4	Yes	11 7.6	6.499 (1)	0.011
		No	123 82.6	No	134 92.4		
Total			149 100		145 100		

Source: Primary Data(Field survey)

Figure-2 (Objective 1)

North Bank



South Bank

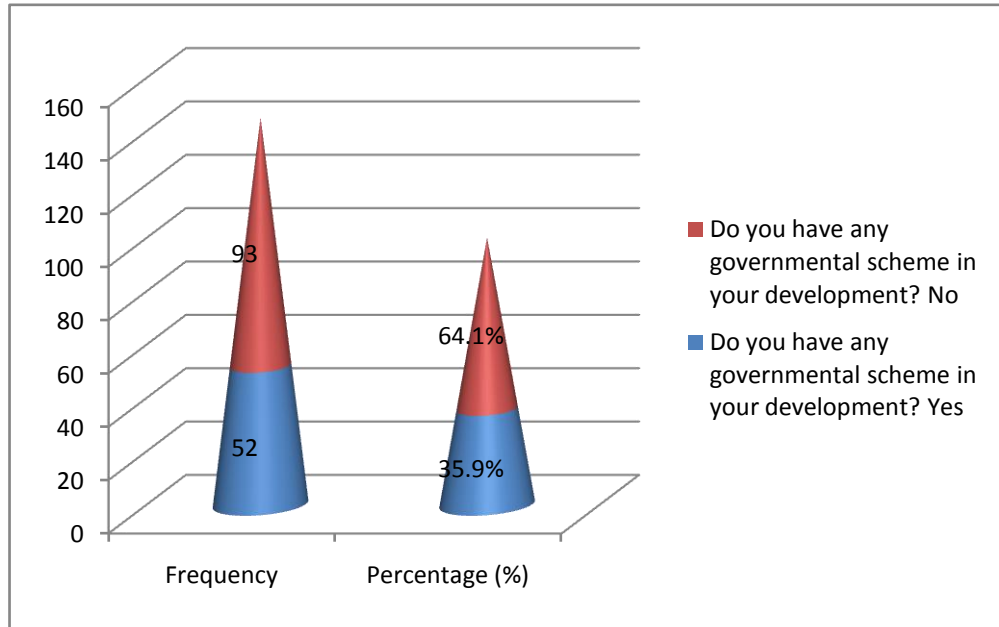
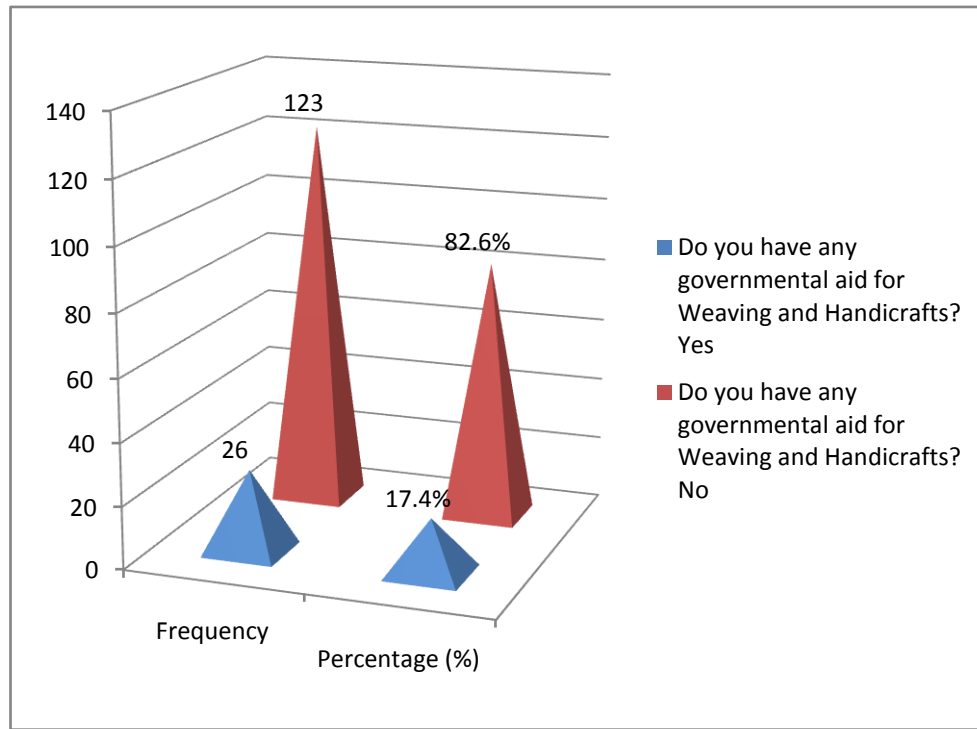


Figure-2 (Objective 2)

North Bank



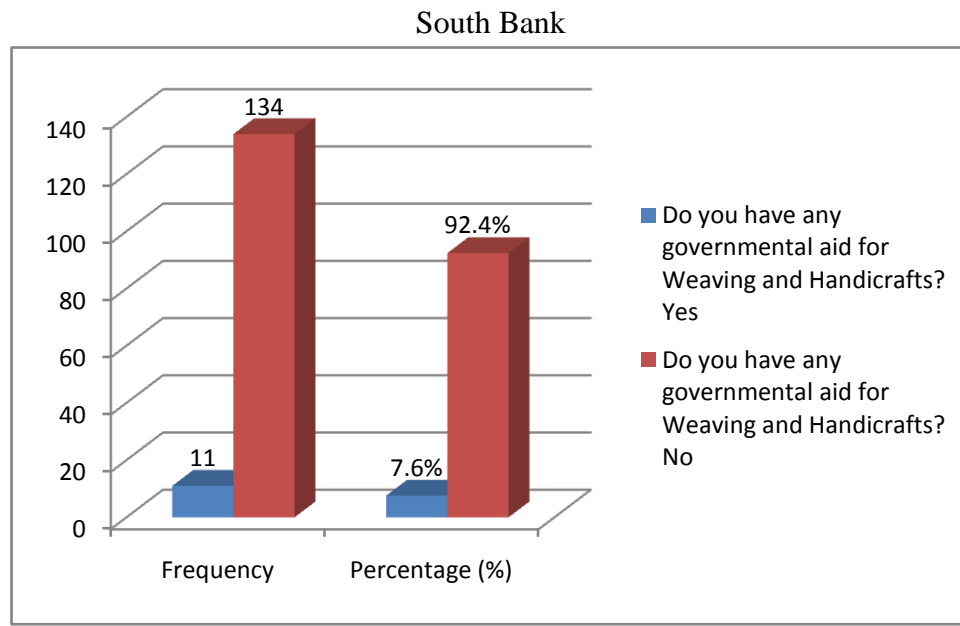


Table 3: highlighted the Governmental Schemes and Welfare Measures of Deori women from North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley with their opinions on the contemporary picture. The observation is found throughout the questionnaires represented that the Deori women are linked to the preferred background or not.

In the general characteristics of the respondents, the understanding level of the Deori women in the chosen areas were accumulated and estimated.

To find out the present objects as the characteristics of governmental schemes and welfare measures from the observations of Deori women is the principal concern. This implies that how well a Deori woman is well-informed on the their particular problems which are linked to governmental schemes and welfare measures and what is the understanding level she is having, is being compared to the practice level that exit with the Deori women.

The 2(two) objectives depicted as percentage (%) are:

North Bank of Brahmaputra valley in Assam:

1. Concerning the first object on the Governmental Schemes of the Deori Women, out of 149 samples 4.7% of the respondents were aware and 95.3% of the respondents were not aware.
2. Linking to the second object on the Welfare Measures of the Deori Women, out of 149 samples 17.4% of the respondents were conscious and 82.6% were not.

South Bank of Brahmaputra valley in Assam:

1. Concerning the first object on the Governmental Scheme of the Deori Women, out of 145 samples 35.9% of the respondents were aware and 64.1% of the respondents were not aware.
2. Linking to the second object on the Welfare Measures of the Deori Women, out of 145 samples 7.6% of the respondents were conscious and 92.4% were not.

SIGNIFICANCES:

1. There is no significant difference of development between the awareness levels of North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam.
2. There is no significance difference of development between the awareness level of weaving and handicrafts

HYPOTHESES TESTING:

1. H1 - There are no status of Deori Women Governmental Schemes for development in North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam

In case of the first hypothesis (H1), from the study it is found the awareness level regarding the governmental scheme for the development of North and South part of Brahmaputra valley in Assam, Deori Women respondents are of the view that they do not have significant governmental schemes for development. Therefore, null hypothesis view on the particular issue is accepted, which is depicted in the Table-[3].

2. H2 - There is no Welfare Measures or Governmental aid for Weaving and Handicrafts for the Deori Women in North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam.

In case of the second hypothesis (H2), it is found the awareness level regarding the Welfare Measures and Governmental aid for Weaving and Handicrafts for the Deori Women in North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam, Deori Women respondents are of the view that they do not have significant Welfare Measures and Governmental aid for development. Therefore, null hypothesis view on the particular issue is accepted, which is depicted in the Table [3].

CONCLUSIONS:

1. The paper has exposed the significant value regarding the governmental schemes and welfare measures for the empowerment of the Deori women from North and South Bank of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam.
2. Such an attentiveness study of a tribe is of vast significance.

SOME SUGGESTIONS:

1. The strength of frankness on awareness level is an excellent sign.
2. The enormous potency on developmental activities is highly essential. Services connected to these issues need to be highlighted.
3. Taboos subsist in the untrained classes concerning such type of knowledge can run directness actions for greater knowledge to help break the taboos.
4. Both the genders should be remarkably and constantly addressed concerning the importance of developmental problems.
5. Deori tribes and Deori women on their developmental plans should be taken care.
6. An awareness programme on Governmental Schemes and Welfare Measures would undoubtedly lead to optimistic impact and philosophy of any community.

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