

“Scheduled tribes on the way to modernity”

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In the lecture I will analyze the changes in life of societies listed under the Indian Constitution as scheduled tribes. On selected tribal groups I will demonstrate the different level of the development, adoption of customs of major population and adaptation to new conditions in modern time.

Emancipation and a self-awareness of some tribal groups bring many changes in their perception of “tribeness”. We will observe how, despite changes, these tribal groups preserve their traditions: festivals, rituals and customs; and we will focus on practices which have been abandoned and reinvented.

In this lecture I should briefly present the case studies of tribal groups from various parts of India: Apatani, Dongria Kondh, Jarawa and Kota.

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