

## **POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF TRIBALS IN DHENKANAL DISTRICT OF ODISHA**

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### **ABSTRACT**

**T**he present study is an effort to know the extent of political participation of tribals in the political process and the problems faced by them. The sample consisted of 250 tribals respondents from some selected gram panchayats of Kankadahad Block and Hindol Block Dhenkanal District of Odisha were taken for analysis. The findings of the study revealed that political participation of tribals in the functioning as well as in the electoral process at all levels especially at the grass root level of democracy is not satisfactory. The parochial culture, patriarchal society and low level of education are greatly responsible for their backwardness.

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