

Interview Schedule

Impact of Modernity on the Earthenware Culture and the Socio-Economic Status of Hira Community: A Study in South Kamrup of Assam.

Social Profile

1. Name of the Respondent:
2. Name of the Village:
3. Block:
4. Age:
5. Marital Status:
 - a) Married
 - b) Unmarried
 - c) Divorcee
 - d) Widow
6. Tell me about marriage System Hira people practice?
7. Since when are you living in this village?
8. What is the origin and background of the Hira Community?
9. Who is the head of your family?
 - a) Self
 - b) Father
 - c) Mother
 - d) Brother
 - e) Sister
 - f) Son
 - g) Daughter
 - i) any other (please specify).....
10. Type of family:
 - a) Nuclear
 - b) Joint
 - c) Extended
11. Where do you perform Social/religious/cultural functions?
12. How do you perform your Cultural Ceremonies/Functions?
13. How would you describe your relationship with other community people in your village?
14. What do you think that being a person of Hira community you are humiliated/neglected/ discriminated by other castes people?
15. Tell me about the socio-cultural institution and organization of your village;

Educational Profile

16. Educational Qualification of the Respondent:
- a. Illiterate
 - b. Primary
 - c. High School
 - d. Higher Secondary
 - e. Degree
 - f. Above Degree
 - g. Any other (please specify).....
17. Are you are satisfied with your education?
- a) Yes b) No
18. What is the reason behind not continuing education (if not satisfied)?
19. What is the educational qualification of the children of your family?
20. Do you send the girl children of your family to school/college?
- If yes; what is her educational qualification.....

Economic Profile

21. Primary Occupation of the respondent:
- a. Earthenware Making
 - b. fishing
 - c. agriculture
 - d. Daily wage worker
 - e. Petty Business
 - f. Govt. job
 - g. Student
 - h. Unemployed
 - i. Retired person
 - j. Any other (please specify)
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22. Secondary occupation of the respondents:

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- a) Earthenware
b) Fishing
c) Agriculture
d) Daily wage worker
e) Petty Business
f) Any Other (Please Specify)
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23. What is the reason behind choosing the secondary occupation?
24. Monthly family income:
From primary income.....
From secondary income.....
25. Who is the main earner in your family?
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26. How many members in your family are working? 1/2/3/4/5/More than 5
27. Do you have your own household? A) yes b) no
28. How much land do you have?
a) Less than 1 bigha b) 1 --2 bigha c) 2---3 bigha d) 3---4 bigha e) 4---5 big
f) Above 5 bigha g) Landless
29. Do you have proper housing facilities?
a) Yes b) No
30. What type of house do you have?
a) R.C.C
b) Assam type of brick wall
c) Assam type half wall with Bamboo mud plaster
d) Assam type bamboo mud walls with a tin roof
e) Assam type mud wall with thatch roof bamboo polythene roof.
31. Do you have a ration card? (a) Yes (b) No
32. If yes, what type of ration card you have? (a) APL (b) BPL
33. Do you have electricity in your house? (a) Yes (b) No
34. Do you have a saving account?

- a) Yes b) No
- 35. How often do you save?
 - a) Weekly b) Monthly c) Half-yearly
- 36. If yes, where:
 - a) Post Office b) Bank c) Any other (please specify).....
- 37. Are you taking any loan from a bank or Non-Government Organization?
 - a) Yes b) No
- 38. What types of Consumer goods do you have?
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Political Profile

- 39. Are you aware of the programmes and policies provided by the government for Scheduled Castes?
 - a) Yes b) No
- 40. Are you benefitted by any Govt. schemes or Programmers?
If yes, what are they?
- 41. Are you aware of the programmes and policies provided by the government for Pottery or artisan community?
 - a) Yes b) No
- 42. What is your thought and opinion regarding the welfare policies and programmes provided by govt?
- 43. Do you cast votes in elections regularly?
 - a) Yes b) No
- 44. If not, what is the reason for not casting vote?
 - a) Voting center is far away
 - b) Not interested
 - c) Not applicable
- 45. Do you participate in Gaon Panchayat activities?
 - a) Yes b) No

If yes, for what purpose do you participate in Gaon Panchayat activities?

Health Profile

46. Are you suffering from any illness?
a) Yes b) No
If yes, what type of illness do you have?
47. What healthcare measures do you take for minor illnesses?
Indigenous/ scientific
48. Do you have medical facilities in your locality?
a) Yes b) No
If yes: how far it is.....km
49. What is the source of your drinking water?
a) Pond b) public Well c) private/own well d) public Tube well/Hand pump
e) own/ private tube well f) public piped water f) Any other
50. Do you practice water purification for drinking purposes?
A) yes B) no

Earthenware Culture

51. How do you follow earthenware making culture?
52. Have you inherited the Earthenware occupation from your father?
53. Why do you choose Earthenware making for livelihood?
54. What types of tools do you need for earthenware making?
55. Do you still follow traditional tools/ techniques for earthenware making activities?
a) Yes b) no
what is the reason behind this?
56. Tell me about the types of earthen products you make.
57. How many earthenware items produced every month?
58. For what purpose do you produce earthen pots?
59. How much do your family income per month from selling earthenware?
60. Is it enough for your livelihood?

a) Yes b) no

61. What kind of raw materials is required for manufacturing earthenware?
62. Are these raw materials available within or near the area?
A) yes b) no
63. From where do you collect the raw- material?
64. How do you collect the raw- material?
65. The distance of the source of raw materials (in km)
66. What are the positive impacts Earthenware culture bringing to your socio-economic life?
67. No of persons engaged in earthenware making
68. Share your thoughts regarding the storing facility for your product?
69. what is your opinion regarding the demands of Hira Earthenware?
70. Where and how do you sell your earthen products?
71. Is there any marketing facility for your products?
A) Yes b) no
If yes: what are these agencies?
72. What are the challenges do you face during marketing the earthen products at present?
73. Have you attended any pottery training programmes arranged by the govt.?
a) yes b) no
74. Is there any changes occurs in the Hira Earthenware Culture?
If yes; what are those.....
75. What is your opinion regarding the changes that occurred due to Modernity in traditional earthenware making?
76. Tell me what are the changes in the traditional beliefs/knowledge/tools/ techniques in making Earthenware at present times?
77. Tell me about the problems you are experiencing during earthenware making at present.
78. What are the positive impacts of modernity on your traditional occupation?
79. What are the negative impacts of modernity on your traditional occupation?

80. Please share what is your thought on carrying earthenware culture as a prime occupation for future life?
81. What do you think that your children should continue this earthenware culture in the future?
82. What is your opinion regarding the artisans leaving Earthenware culture?
83. Tell me about your relationship with Kumars?
84. According to you what can improve your indigenous earthenware culture? What is your expectation?
85. How do you see earthenware culture in the future?

Remarks of the field investigator:

Signature of the field investigator