

Lik-Pu-Chan-Lan: The Source of Value Education of the Man Tai-Speaking Community of Assam

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Abstract

The Man Tai-speaking community is a small hill tribe of Assam. Like every society, the Man Tai-speaking community has been taught specific values since ancient times. The primary source of prevailing value education among the Man Tai-speaking tribes is the book "Lik-Pu-Chan-Lan." This book explains in detail how a person can enjoy a happy and peaceful life. The proposed paper aims to explore how value education can contribute to a person's life being happy, peaceful, and prosperous.

Keywords: Man Tai-Speaking, Value Education, Lik-Pu-Chan-Lan.

Introduction

Values are standard human behavior. Values are expressed in the social, moral, and spiritual aspects of a person. Value in a broad sense is an exceptional quality that makes a person or thing important, respectable, and acceptable. A person's values can also be judged in terms of their culture, religion, literature, civilization, humanity, morality, etc. Value education refers to an educational program that contributes to the physical, mental, moral, aesthetic, social, and spiritual development of a person. Value education helps in the overall development of an individual as well as the improvement of society. It is a child whose environment helps in character development by modifying behavior to make additions.

Need and Importance of the Study.

The Man Tai-speaking tribe is a small hill tribe located in northeastern India. In this tribal society, there is a traditional value system that emphasizes education on how a person should behave and how to maintain relationships with their family to live a happy life. The proposed study focuses on the decline of values in the present society.

Objectives of the study

The primary purpose of the proposed study is to examine the value of education prevalent in the Man Tai-Speaking society.

Scope of the study

The paper entitled "**Lik-Pu-Chan-Lan: The Source of Value Education of the Man Tai-Speaking Community of Assam**" primarily focuses on the study of the value education system as described in the book "Lik-Pu-Chan-Lan" of the Man Tai-Speaking community.

Methodology

The study mainly based on primary and secondary sources data. For collection qualitative primary data personal interview was taken from the scholar and elderly person of the Man Tai community. Secondary sources of data were books, journal etc. Descriptive and analytical research methods have been used in the preparation of the proposed research paper.

Discussion

"Lik-Pu-Chan-Lan" is a significant repository of ethics and value education for the Man Tai community. "Lik -Pu-Chan-Lan" is a Tai language word. The word 'Lik' means book, 'Pu' means grandfather, 'Chan' means to teach, and 'Lan' implies grandson. In other words, 'Lik-Pu-Chan-Lan' etymologically means 'books taught by grandfather to grandchildren.'

The Man Tai-speaking people are Buddhists. They believe in Theravada Buddhism. Therefore, the book "Lik-Pu-Chan-Lan" begins with the prayers and virtues of Lord Buddha. The book describes the feelings of the grandfather as he approaches the end of his life, having yet to teach his grandchildren. He realized this and called his grandchildren to teach them the traditional values of his society. He said that shortly, you will know nothing, and people will say that your grandfather did not teach you anything, and you will have to regret it. The book suggests that the grandchildren will experience peace and sweetness only if they heed and understand what their grandfather taught them. It is worth mentioning that what the grandfather taught is described in the form of the Man Tai community proverbs.

The book teaches grandchildren about values , showing them how to carry out daily activities and maintain relationships with relatives to make their lives meaningful. Needless to say, every person is born with particular possibilities. To optimize these potentials, individuals must be hardworking and skilled in their fields. Otherwise, people will ridicule you for being lazy. Living without working can lead to poverty and is likely to be ridiculed. The Man Tai tribe is an agricultural people. Therefore, the book encourages everyone to be diligent, rather than feeling tired and discouraged from working. People should always move slowly when working in their daily lives. However, unnecessary killing of animals with self-defense weapons should be avoided. The principle of "Shil" (ethics) should be followed in this regard. The book also explains that it is a good habit to get up early in the morning. Everyone should get out of bed early in the morning, wash their hands and face, and fulfill their responsibilities.

In addition to teaching the values necessary for daily life, the book also discusses the teachings of a happy life, emphasizing the importance of maintaining good relationships with relatives. Families are small primary groups in society. A family is a group of two or more people who are related by blood. A person receives their first lessons in education from their family. Therefore, every child must respect his parents. Even families that have been separated for generations should not be allowed to turn away from a friendly relationship. They should also assist their less fortunate relatives in all areas. Giving proper respect and honor to those who deserve it should not be neglected or forgotten.

Humans are social creatures. There can be no comprehensive development of the individual without the involvement of society. To maintain good relations with one's neighbours while exchanging with them, one must be broad-minded. People should avoid greed and refrain from being violent or jealous of others.

Society is the collection of individuals. This society will be formed by its own family. Therefore, it is not appropriate for a person to ignore their family and focus solely on society. Speak affectionately and politely to other members of the community. If one loves another, everyone will lend a helping hand in

times of trouble. When someone is angry with you, it's essential to remain patient and control your emotions. A person should never be rebellious. Such actions disturb the mind of a person in righteous thought and behavior.

Everyone should refrain from anger and temptation. Temptation and anger will cause a person to feel depressed. Therefore, anger and temptation should be abandoned from the mind. The wisdom of the person should be strong. In this regard, one's mind must be clean and pure. Obscene language should not be used when speaking to others. Be polite when talking to an elder. Never express your anger in front of a pure and wise person. Every person should live their life in devotion to the 'Tri-Ratna' (Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha).

The advice given in the book is a teaching of values related to society and personal life. These are the moral and value-based teachings that build a meaningful and beautiful individual life.

Conclusion

The teaching of values , as described in the book "Lik-Pu-Chan-Lan," can contribute to making a person's life meaningful. It also outlines the ethics that a person should adhere to in their daily work. The relevance of this book cannot be overstated in the present time of declining values. The book also advises people to live in harmony with their relatives, rather than arguing with them today. The value of showing respect to everyone by refraining from anger and greed is also mentioned. The book concludes with a declaration of allegiance to the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha.

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