

# The Role of All Assam Chutia Student Union (AACSU) for Socio-Economic Development of Chutia Community: A Sociological Study Based on Golaghat District of Assam

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## **Abstract**

The Chutia Community is one of the indigenous communities of Assam. And the AACSU has been working towards preserving and promoting its language, culture and heritage. This paper will discuss the role of AACSU in socio-economic development of Chutia Community. The study will highlight the importance of student's organisation like the AACSU in advocating for the rights of marginalized communities and promoting economic development of the community. The study will be based on secondary literature and data which are collected from the Student's Union. The Chutia Community is one of the Indigenous communities at ASSAM and the AACSU has been working towards preserving and Promoting its language, culture and heritage, This paper will discuss the role of AACSU in socio-economic development of Chutia community. The paper will highlight the importance of student organization like the AACSU in advocating for the rights of marginalized Communities and promoting economic development of that community.

## **INTRODUCTION:**

The Chutia Community is recognized as another backward class by the Government of India. During the Colonial period, the Chutia community had the second largest population in upper Assam. Though the Chutia community are the one of the dominant community of Assam, but they are facing many problems. In the present time different organization are trying to solving their problems. All Assam Chutia Student Union (AACSU) also a one of the union which trying developing the Chutia Community.

**The study aims** at examining: The role and performance of All-Assam Chutia Student Union impact of development work of All-Assam Chutia Student Union upon the Chutia community to suggest measures for strengthening of institutional arrangement of All-Assam Chutia Student Union

**Objective of the Study** The objective of the study are 1. To examine the evolution of All Assam Chutia Student Union. 2. To evaluate and compare the development work of All Assam Chutia Student Union and other student union of the state. 3 To evaluate the role of All Assam Chutia Student Union in socio-economic development of the region.

## **METHODOLOGY**

The study will be based mainly on secondary literature and data. The constitutional provisions, organization and structure of All Assam Chutia Student Union, etc. will be examined on the basis of

available documents and literatures. The primary data will be collected for evaluating performance of All-Assam Chutia Student Union and seeking views and opinions of stakeholders of the Student Union. The primary data will be collected by using structured interview schedule and focused group discussions.

### **Discussion of the topic:**

The study will be conducted one districts of Assam where Chutia population is concentrated: Golaghat district of Assam. The organizational structure and power and functions of the district level Student Union will be examined. Then the role of the selected Student Union will be analysed in meeting the constitutional objectives, development needs and local aspiration. The role of the All-Assam Student Union in meeting the development needs and aspiration would be examined through a primary survey. A structured questionnaire will be canvassed to the stakeholders of Student Union such as President, Secretary, Treasurer and other members.

The all Assam Chutia Students union plays an important role in Golaghat by advocating for the socio-economic development cultural preservation and political rights of the Chutia community. They are mainly important a securing scheduled Tribe (ST) status and establishing a chutia Autonomous council and protecting historical sites. They are used democratic methods like protests rallies and submitting petitions to the government to address community grievances and implement promises.

The main role and activities in Golaghat are –

- A major focus is demanding Schedule Tribe status and an autonomous council for the Chutia community.
- AACSU campaign for the recognition and preservation of historical monuments and the rich heritage of Chutia community.
- They work to address the social, economic and political crises faced by the community.
- They organize mass rallies, hunger strikes and demonstrations in Golaghat to pressure the government.
- The union mobilises Chutia youth, women and other social organizations in Golaghat to build a strong collective voice for the community welfare.

### **Conclusion:**

Golaghat serves as a significant centre for AACSU activates. They are actively participating in stateside movements, demonstrating the strong local commitment to Assam demands for Chutia identity, rights and development. All Assam Chutia Student Union (AACSU) has been working actively for last few years in Assam. The Organisation has raised its voice not only for the Cause of the Chutia Community, but also for the entire Assam.

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