SYMBOLISM IN SOCIAL ORDER: WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO SYMBOLS RELATED TO ANIMAL

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ABSTRACT
Symbols are very important in every society. It has a variety of meanings. Symbols act as silent language, which helps in maintaining social orders. It is also used as mechanism for social control. Understanding symbols help in many ways whereas violations of these symbols sometimes lead to negative consequences. The following study is an attempt to understand the meanings of symbols with reference to animal (cattle) among the Adi (Padam) tribe of Upper Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh, India. This study highlights how the local people used symbols for reservation and recognition of domestic and semi-domestic animals. It also focuses on the folklore about the origin of this symbols and the local terminology for the symbols related to animals.

KEY WORDS: Bos frontalis, Clan, Ear marking, Folklore, Mithun, Symbols.

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