

Research proposal

**A STUDY ON THE VICTIMIZATION OF
THE WOMEN IN THE NARIKURAVAR
COMMUNITY OF MADURAI DISTRICT.**

Abstract

The study explores the victimization of Narikuravar women, a marginalized and semi-nomadic tribal community focusing on the access to education, employment, cultural- economic challenges, child marriage, legal challenges. Conducted in Madurai, Tamil Nadu, the research adopts a qualitative approach to explore the various challenges faced by Narikuravar women. The study involves a sample of 70-100 women from the Narikuravar community and gathering information data on how gender-based violence, including domestic abuse, harassment, and trafficking, remains underreported due to fear of stigma, societal norms, and lack of trust in legal institutions. This study aims to investigate the awareness of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act among the Narikuravars community. The study highlights the education barriers faced by these women, lack of access to schools and their cultural stigmatization to limiting their access to education and employment. Through this research, the study aims to reveal the pressing issues faced by Narikuravar women and offer recommendations to address their challenges, improve their well-being, and break the cycle of exploitation.

KEYWORDS: victimization of Narikuravars women, education, cultural-economic challenges, legal challenges

Introduction

- The Narikuravars, a marginalized and nomadic tribal community in India, face multiple socio-economic challenges that perpetuate cycles of poverty and exclusion. Among these challenges, the issue of child marriage stands out as a critical concern, particularly in the victimization of women within the community.
- Child marriage, social practice, often deprives young girls of their basic rights to education, health, and personal development, perpetuating a cycle of gender inequality and disempowerment.
- The practice of child marriage among the Narikuravars is influenced by cultural traditions, economic vulnerabilities, and a lack of awareness about prohibition of child marriage act.

Need for the study

This study will provide valuable insights into the root causes of the issues faced by Narikuravar women and assess the effectiveness of existing legal protections.

It will help identify the socio-cultural and economic factors contributing to victimization of women.

Significance of study

The study will help raise awareness about education, employment, reservations quota, with involvement of NGOs, for Narikuravar women.

It will also emphasize the need for greater access to resources and support, contributing to the empowerment of the community and promoting gender equality.

Objectives

To analyze the social-economic status of women among narikuravar community.

To identify the barriers faced by narikuravar women in accessing education and employment.

To identify the cultural factors, traditional practices, gender roles and societal stigmatization contributing to victimization of women among narikuravars

Research methodology

- Sample: sample of this case was taken on women From Narikuravars community
- Qualitative analysis to interpret cultural and social factors contributing to victimization of narikuravar women.
- Minimum of 70-100 samples are Taken for this study , in Madurai, Tamil Nadu.
- Sampling technique : Snowball sampling .
- Semi strucutred interview method with Narikuravars families and narikuravar women.
- Data collection will be done in Madurai

Expected outcome :

Comprehensive documentation of the victimization experienced by Narikuravar women

Recommendations for policy reforms, community-based initiatives, and capacity building programs.

Creation of awareness among stakeholders, including government agencies, NGOs, and civil society.

Thank you

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