

Characterization of participation pattern of tribal women in house, farm and allied areas

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■ **ABSTRACT** : The study was conducted in Jorhat district of Assam. From the study it was found that tribal women's independent participation was highest in cooking (83.33%), serving of food (80.00%), care of children (70.83%) in household activities and post harvest processing (75.84%), winnowing (60.00%), harvesting (56.67%), weeding (52.50%), and irrigation (50.83%), in farm related activities. In kitchen gardening- harvesting (66.00%), irrigation (60.00%), seed sowing (55.80%) and in livestock related activities, respondents participated independently in fodder management (60.00%) management of produce (53.33%) and cleaning of shed (52.50%). It can be characterized from the findings that the tribal women, participated in almost all household, livestock and kitchen gardening related activities. However in case of farm related activities though their independent participation was found in selected activities only yet they participated in labour intensive activities like weeding (52.50%) and irrigation (50.83%), which were not generally seen among the rural farm women.

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