PATRIARCHY LEADING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND POOR SOCIAL STATUS OF FEMALES IN HILL RURAL AREAS: A STUDY OF DISTRICT PAURI IN UTTARAKHAND

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ABSTRACT

Rural areas of Uttarakhand are deprived of development and infrastructural facilities and provide toughest living condition for the inhabitants of these areas. Females of these regions have to depend on the far areas for the health facilities while the prevalence of differentiation on the basis of caste, creed and gender is still dominant further social malice’s like dowry system, violence on women, alcoholism are prevalent which inflicts more suffering upon females of these regions. Women are the major sufferers of this malevolence prevalent in the rural areas of the district. The present paper based on primary survey examines the existence of such social evils emerging from patriarchal society which degrades the social status of females and leads to serious problems like domestic violence against them. The study shows that patriarchal nature of society in these regions and its impact has been noticed in the lack of participation of females in decision making in family, gender biasness in education delivery and their low level of living in the family and in the society.

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