

A REVIEW ON STATUS AND CULTURE OF WOMEN IN MEGHALAYA

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ABSTRACT : The Meghalaya is the home of tribals especially the Khasis, Jaintias and Garos, who are said to be, inhabited this region before the start of the Christian era. The British occupied the Garo Hills in 1872. The British influence in Meghalaya extended to the improvement of the landscape and development of roads. Meghalaya was declared a full fledged state on January 21, 1972. The work for progress and development of this region is still continuing after independence and formation of Meghalaya into state. One of the unique features of the state is that a majority of the tribal population follows a matrilineal system where lineage and inheritance are traced through women.

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