



Notice for the PhD Viva Voce Examination

Mr Bhasker Malu (Registration Number: 1850086), PhD scholar at the School of Social Sciences, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore will defend his PhD thesis at the public viva-voce examination on Saturday, 20 May 2023 at 10.30 am in the Council Room, Ground Floor, Central Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru - 560029.

Title of the Thesis	:	Discrimination and Coping of Old Settlers in Sikkim
Discipline	:	Psychology
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The members of the Research Advisory Committee of the Scholar, the faculty members of the Department and the School, interested experts and research scholars of all the branches of research are cordially invited to attend this open viva-voce examination.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 17 May 2023

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ABSTRACT

The study was conducted to explore the existence and manifestation of discrimination in Sikkim. In the Indian context, race-based discrimination has been extensively studied from the point of view of the northeasterners residing in mainland India. An important reason for this is the differences in race, culture, language, and minority status of the northeasterners in mainland India. However, within the northeastern states all of the above mentioned aspects are reversed and the minority is the mainland Indian community, race-based discrimination has not been studied. Sikkim was considered as the region for study as it is part of the sister states of the north-eastern region and the Rajya Sabha Committee on Petitions has acknowledged that discrimination has been practiced in the state. An exploratory sequential mixed design was adopted for the study. Eleven telephonic semi-structured interviews were conducted for the qualitative phase with members of the 'old settlers' of Sikkim. A survey was conducted for the quantitative phase. Thematic analysis revealed two global theme, five organizing themes and 44 basic themes. Survey method revealed that 51% of old settlers felt discriminated daily in Sikkim. The results revealed that race based discrimination does exist in Sikkim with it being purported at institutional and interpersonal levels.

Keywords: Discrimination, Sikkim, Old Settlers, Plainsman, Locals

Publications:

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