

RIVERS AND THE ASSAMESE FOLK LIFE: A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP OF MAN AND NATURE

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ABSTRACT

Assamese Life and culture have been sustained by the huge number of rivers from the time immemorial. As such the river has formed its way into myths, legends, proverbs and folk beliefs, the rivers and the people are so interdependent that folk culture abounds in man's right relationship with nature. The myths and folk beliefs are not unscientific thoughts or superstitions. These are a system of thoughts and a way of life like other art forms. They can be opposed to science only as art is opposed to science. The myths and folk culture have very much been an influence upon the lives of people even today. The river based occupations are a part of the socio-cultural life of Assam and myth making continues. The rivers and the folk mind in Assam have been in an everlasting relationship. The study will be an evidence of river-centric folk life of the whole world, which have been represented as a mode of cognition of man's right relationship with the universe.

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