

Lecture Sheet-1

Chapter- 11: Ethnic Groups in Bangladesh

Topic-1: The Garo

Notes: At first read the related topic from the text book.

Ethnic Group:

A community or population made up of people who share a common cultural background or descent.

Example: The Garo, The Khasi, The Mro, The Tripura, The Oraon etc.



The Garo:

The Garo originally migrated from Tibet in about four thousand and five hundred years ago and settled in the hill country.

Language:

Their native language is Achik.

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Religion:

Their original religion was Sangsarek. But most are now Christians and celebrate Christian festivals.

Society:

Garo society is traditionally matriarchal, which means that the mother is head of the household and the women inherit the family property.

Food:

Meat, fish, rice and different types of vegetables. Their speciality is cooking with the stem of soft bamboo.



Housing:

They used to build special long houses called 'nokmandi' by the river banks. But now their houses are like any others.



Clothing:

The women traditionally wear 'dokbanda' or 'dokshari'. The men wear shirt, lungi and dhoti.



Festivals:

Their traditional festival is called Wangala in October or November. It is dedicated to the sun, and the god Sazlong who gives fertility to the soil. The festival is celebrated with drums and flutes.



PS: * Study the lecture sheet to upgrade your learning curve and you will find answer to the question from work sheet.

*** If you find it difficult to follow the video you can always pause and watch the screen to make it more understandable. Also, everything is shared in the lecture sheet for better understanding.**

*** What you have learnt today, that you have to orally share the lesson with your teacher.**

**Thank you
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