

Lecture Sheet-5**Chapter- 11: Ethnic Groups in Bangladesh****Topic-5: The Oraon**

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

**The Oraon:**

"Oraon" is an exonym assigned by neighboring Munda peoples, meaning "to roam." In Bangladesh the Oraon live in Rajshahi, Rangpur and Dinajpur.

Language:

There are two different groups of Oraon, who speak languages called Kurukh and Sadri. Kurukh is a Dravidian language spoken in central India. Kurukh means 'Chief Seat, Judge'.

Religion:

The Oraon follow their traditional religion 'Sarnaism', which is based on nature worship. Their main god is called Dharmes, who is believed to be the creator of this universe. They also believe in spirits that are called upon to heal diseases.

Society:

Their village council is headed by a Mahto. The regional council is called a Pahta, representing several villages.



Food:

The main food of Oraon is rice. They also eat maize, wheat, fish, meat, and a variety of vegetables.

Clothing:

The men wear dhoti, lungi, trousers, and shirts. The women wear sarees and blouses made of coarse cloth.



Festivals:

Among others, their main festival is 'fangua' which is celebrated on the last day of Falgun.



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

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Thank you
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