



Class-Eight

Subject: BGS

Chapter-11: Minority Ethnic Groups of Bangladesh

Lesson- 1:

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Ethnic Group:

An **ethnic group** or **ethnicity** is a named social category of people who identify with each other on the basis of shared attributes that distinguish them from other **groups** such as a common set of traditions, ancestry, language, history, society, culture, nation, religion, or social treatment within their residing area.

Bangladesh:

Bangladesh is a south Asian country. This is a nation of about 17 crore, located along the Bay of Bengal and in between India and Myanmar. Bangladesh is a classic example of ethnicity.

Ethnic Groups of Bangladesh:

About 98% of the population of Bangladesh identifies with a single ethnicity, which is Bengali. There are at least 27 other ethnic groups in Bangladesh according to government report but other researchers claim that number is closer to 75 which is only 2% of total population.

Most of these groups live in a same region. A major portion of them are living in the south-eastern part of the country.

<u>District of Bangladesh</u>	<u>Location of Minority Ethnic Group</u>
Rangamati, Bandarban, Khagrachori	Chakma, Marma, Tripura, Mru, Tanjanga, Bawm, Pangkhua, Chak, Khang, Khumi, Lusai
Mymensing	Garo, Hajang, Coach
Sylhet	Khasia, Monipuri
Cox's Bazar, Potuakhali, Borguna	Rakhain
Dinajpur, Rangpur, Rajshahi, Bogura, Pabna, Sylhet	Saontal, Orao, Mahali, Monda, Malpahari, Malo

Major Ethnic Groups in Bangladesh:

<u>Minority Ethnic Groups</u>	<u>Living Place</u>	<u>Identity</u>
1. Chakmas	Rangamati, Bandarban, Khagrachori of Bangladesh and Tripura, Arunachal, Mizoram of India	>>Anthropologically Mongolian >>Round face >> Flat nose >>Straight and black hair >>yellowish body colour
2. Garos		
3. Saontals		
4. Marmas		
5. Rakhainas		

Complete the chart like number 1 ethnic group by reading the book.