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PREFACE

The present study entitled **Subaltern Consciousness of Tea Garden Labourers: A Sociological Study of Adivasis in Assam** is aimed at studying subaltern experiences of the five Adivasi groups; namely, the Santal, the Munda, the Oraon, the Bhumij and the Mahato/Kurmi. These are major Adivasi groups in Doloo Tea Garden of the Barak Valley and Achabam Tea Garden in Brahmaputra Valley. They have well adapted to the non-tribal culture, especially Bengali culture in Barak Valley and Assamese culture in Brahamaputra Valley.

The study comprises eight chapters. The chapter one titled **Introduction** deals with the formulation of the problem of the research in the light of review of existing studies and designing of methodological strategy consisted of universe and units of study, methods for collection and analysis of data. Chapter two on **Subaltern Consciousness: Theoretical Discourses** discusses the theoretical discourses on subaltern consciousness ranging from Antonio Gramsci to Ranajit Guha and his group. Chapter three on **Tea Garden Labour in Assam** reflecting on labourers organization and movements regarding their identity, monthly salary, ration, provident fund and their Scheduled Tribe Status claims in Assam. Chapter four on **Adivasis in Assam** discusses conceptualization of 'Adivasi' and their migration to the Assam in the British period. The chapter five titled **Field of the Study** describes the two tea garden villages in terms of area, population, occupation, tribe and caste composition, road, water, weekly market and socio-cultural life like kinship, marriage, family, economy, polity etc of the Adivasis. The chapter six on **Subaltern Consciousness in the Literary Knowledge of Adivasis** discusses

various writings about historical and empirical condition of the Adivasis in Assam. The chapter seven on **Subaltern Consciousness of the Adivasis in Oral Knowledge** analysis the folksongs, folktale, poetry, riddle, slogans etc which reflect the Adivasi consciousness related to their migration, socialization, daily life, identity crisis, exploitation etc. The chapter eight finally summarizes the research, draws major findings and concludes the study.

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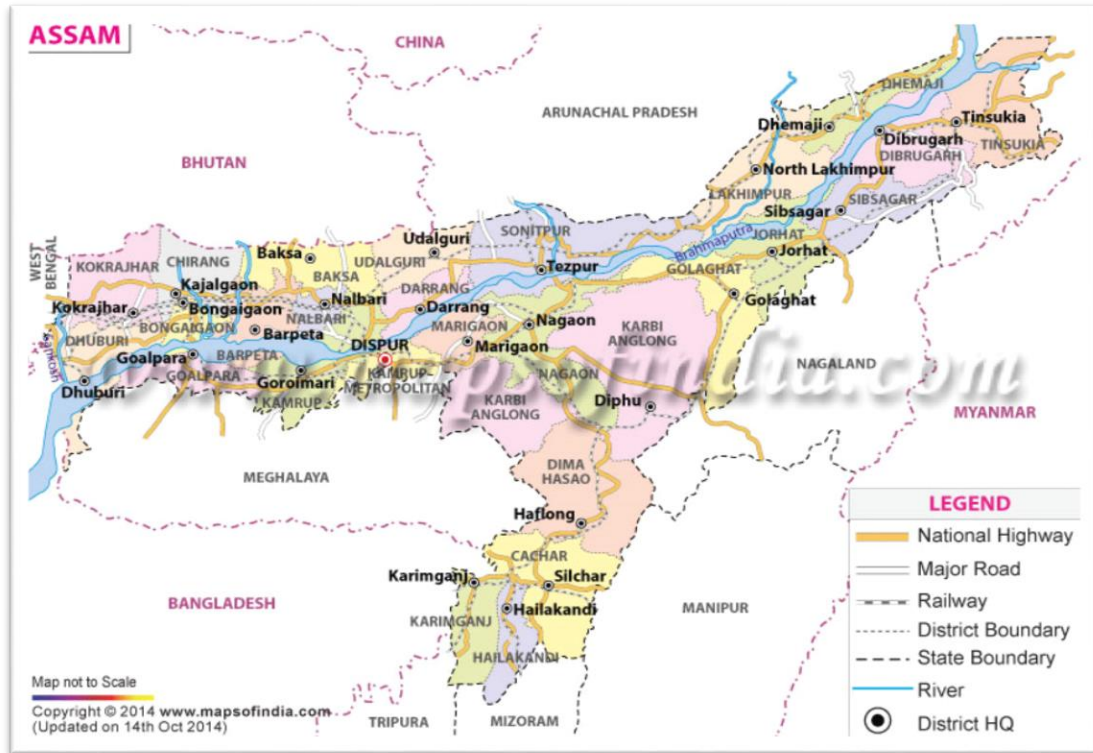
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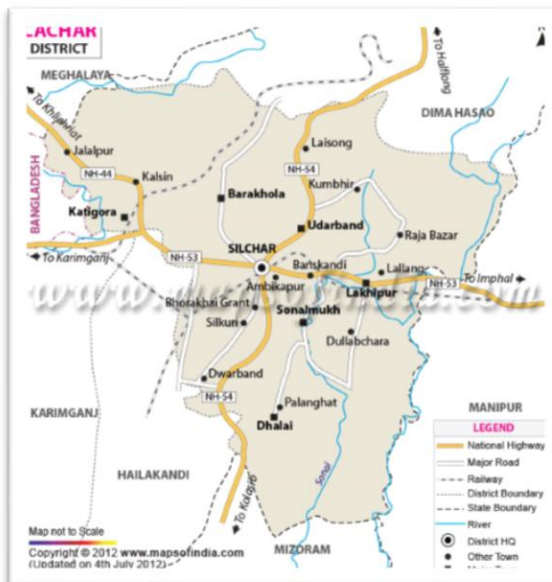
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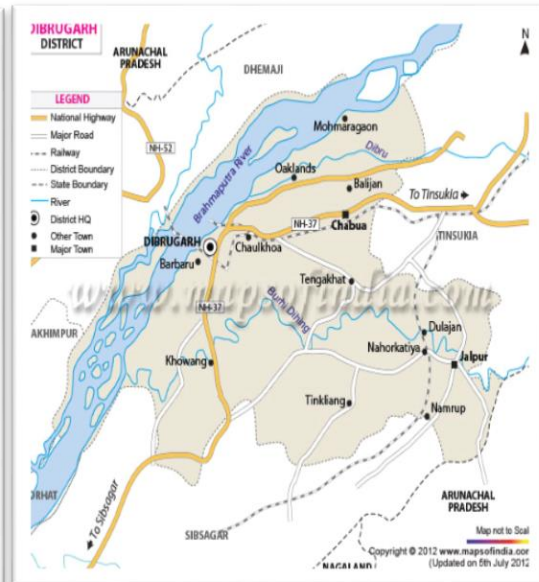
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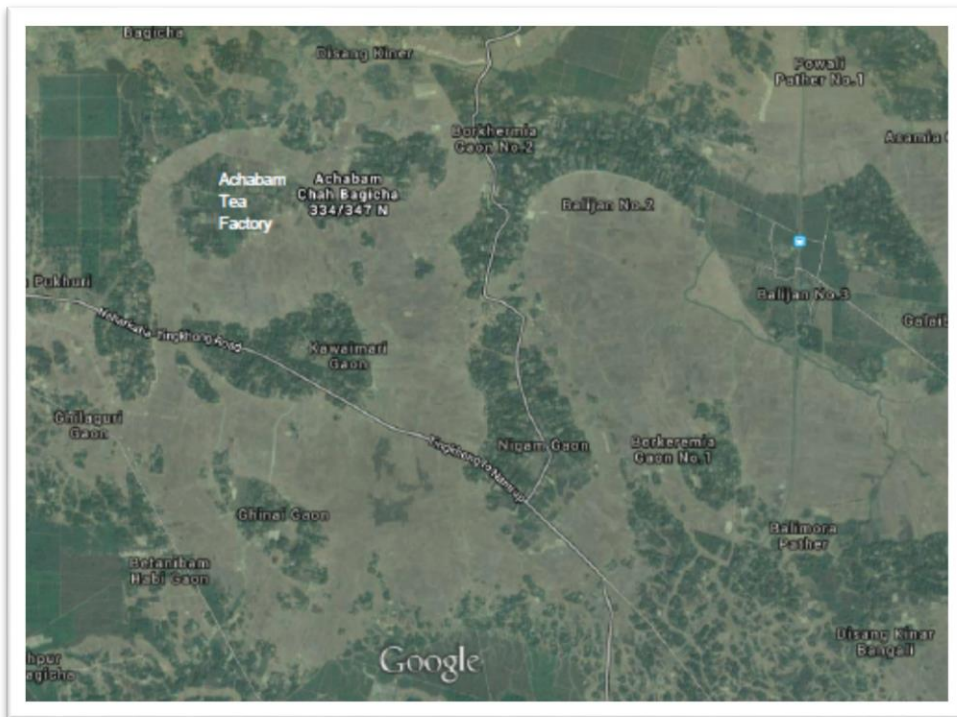
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Map of Doloo Tea Garden



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