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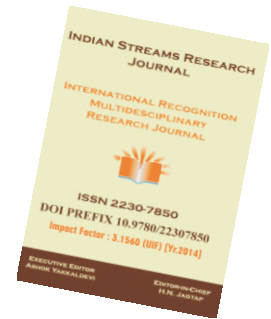
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WEDDING CEREMONY OF BHOI COMMUNITY



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ABSTRACT

Marriage proposals as a rule come from the boy's father, the girl's father agreeing to them in the presence of some of the friends. At the betrothal, the girl worships a betel nut placed in a wheat square in the name of Ganpati, and also a metal pot filled with water with betel leaves dipped, in it in the name of Varuna, the god of water, with offerings of flowers, sandal paste, vermilion and copper coins. The boy's father presents the girl with a green robe and bodice, marks her head with vermilion, and fills her lap with rice and fruit. Betel leaves are served and the betrothal or kunkuldvane is over. The Brahman priest writes invitation cards, and lays one of them before the house gods, and others are sent round among friends and kinsmen. The turmeric rubbing lasts for one to five days before the marriage. The girls are rubbed with turmeric paste first.

KEYWORDS : *Marriage proposals, Wedding Ceremony, fishing community.*



INTRODUCTION BHOI COMMUNITY:

Bhoi is a fishing community in this area. Bhoi are traditionally dependent upon the river Adan for their subsistence. Due to depleting fish resources their lives are in danger. Bhoi's the traditional fishermen community in Maharashtra state is mostly found in shoreline areas of the west coast of Maharashtra as well as near rivers, reservoirs, dams. From the ancient times these people used to be called as the "Palkiche Bhoi" the tribe which wander all over carrying the Palkhi of ancient king and

their families as the loyal ones. Diminishing the rule of king's and kingdom these loyal people have returned to their traditional business – fishing. This community/tribe is mostly found in District of Ratnagiri, Sindhudurga, Raigad, Mumbai and in mostly all districts of Maharashtra where the fishing occupation is traditional carried out.

WEDDING CEREMONY:

A man and wife belonging to the boy's, house and a second couple happiness to the girl's house, with the hems of their clothes knotted along by the priest, every in separate parties, visit the

temple of Maruti, carrying the devak, lay a edible seed and leaves before the god, and come back home with the devak coated with a white sheet and control over the top of the combine by 2 friends, and of the bride are feasted at the fathers' homes. within the evening the bridegroom goes by horseback with music and a band of worship to the temple of Maruti within the bride's village. Next comes the phal or material presenting cereriaon. The bridegroom's party attend the bride's y with betel, a turban, a gown and a top, and raw provisions, rice, pulse, molasses and drawn butter, and therefore the priest lays before the bride rice, 5 half-cocoa-kernels, 5 dry dates, and 5 Piper betel leaves with bats. Her father-in-law presents her with a robe and bodice and jewels, the musicians play their instruments, and therefore the friends and kins folks, each of the bride and bridegroom, are feasted at the bride's. The bride's mother with all respect asks the bridegroom's mother to go to her house and appearance at the bride. She goes to the bride attended by music and a band of friends.

The remarriage of dowagers is allowed, however never with the expired spouse's sibling, nor with a man of his surname or her dad's surname. Her marriage with the child of her maternal auntie is likewise precluded, however not with that of her maternal uncle or fatherly point. The marriage of a dowager is permitted on the off chance that she is in the prime of her childhood or if there is none to secure and bolster her, her relatives organizing the mhotur or remarriage. Divorce is allowed with the authorize of the position panchayat if the spouse demonstrates unchaste or if the spouse fails to look after her/if either party experiences a hopeless ailment, or if a perpetual misconception has emerged between them. In the event that a lady is gotten in infidelity with a man of her rank and in this way gets to be distinctly pregnant, both are banned; generally the man is fined and is allowed to wed her after she has been separated from her first spouse. Separated ladies, with the exception of those got in infidelity, are permitted to wed anyone they like by the dowager remarriage frame. The rank takes after the Hindu law of legacy. In marriage, this group considers horoscope as must. It there is no horoscope at any individual, relational unions are not made with him. Discuss marriage without horoscope has been considered as submitting sin. In this connection, exhortation of pande Brahmin is viewed as more imperative than station subjective. They talk about with related pande and after that assents of kid and young lady are taken and them endorsement of standing discretionary is taken. Rank self-assertive does not meddle in the exchange or does not put weight upon them. The expression of pande Brahmin before definite discuss marriage has been viewed as essential and last.

WEDDING STAGES:

In this group, relational unions don't occur by the decision of kid's and young lady. In old circumstances, the custom of tyke marriage was common in this group. So there was no doubt of soliciting decision from young men and young ladies. Young men and young ladies needed to wed the kid and young ladies of the parent's decision. Be that as it may, while doing such relational unions, from prearranged engagement to real marriage, these imperative traditions are performed. They are marriage offer, wine serving and pre-wedding assurance.

Marriage offer means the capacity of giving marriage offer. Be that as it may, before playing out this capacity, horoscopes of the young lady and kid are checked. According to horoscopes, just when horoscopes coordinate and pande Brahmin gives assent, the general population of every gathering gives offers of marriage separately to the young lady and kid. In this group, offering function, for the most part, happens at the place of young lady. In the event that a young lady must be seen for marriage, or any go between has proposed such young lady, the individuals from young men family first give such message to their relatives or welcome them. It is called nevata solicitations. On getting this welcome, on a settled day, individuals from relatives assemble in the kid's home and after BHOI Community

Marriage Ceremony talking about with them choose when and how to go to see the young lady. In the wake of choosing date and time of going by young ladies house, they give this message ahead of time to the young ladies family and then they visit the young ladies house. There, in the place of the young lady, the course of action of going by visitors is made precisely. As kid's family offers welcome to his close relatives to get back home. Notwithstanding relatives, he additionally welcomes nearby group individuals. Notwithstanding people group individuals, position self-assertive and subjective boss additionally stay introduce. Group Brahmin likewise stays, exhibit without Brahmin, dialog don't occur. Subsequent to affirming nearness of kid's relatives, young lady's relatives, group individuals, subjective of town and Pande Brahmin, all sit for dialog in the young lady's home. That time, the general population of young lady's home asks station discretionary boss and referees. Subsequent to getting consent of self-assertive body, legitimate meeting begins. In the beginning, arbitrary boss asks kid's dad, "Why the meeting is called?" clearly the self-assertive as of now gets insinuations of the meeting. Referees know the motivation behind the meeting. Notwithstanding, there is a tradition from old circumstances of making inquiries like these thus the self-assertive boss solicits the reason from such meeting. On that, kid's dad clarifies that his son has come to offer the young lady of this house. After that, the self-assertive boss makes request of the young lady and her family. In like manner, young ladies father portrays the data's of his little girl and his family. At that point, the discretionary boss again asks the young lady's dad, "Do they favor of the marriage relations? On the off chance that he endorse of it, the young lady's dad instantly stands up in the meeting and says, "I affirm the relationship" After that it is viewed as that offering service is done.

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