

**SOCIO-CULTURAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PRACTICES OF  
GADABA TRIBE OF ODISHA: SOME OBSERVATIONS OF KORAPUT  
DISTRICT**

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**ABSTRACT**

*Reproductive health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, in all matters relating to the reproductive system, and to its functions and processes. This study mainly concentrated on the reproductive health care of women of Gadaba Tribe of Koraput. The main objective of the study was to study the antenatal and post-natal care practice of Gadaba women. To find pregnancy related socio-cultural practices of Gadaba women. To identification misbelieves regarding food and working status of women during pregnancy. Anthropological methods like observation, interview scheduled, and case study were used to for collection of empirical data and secondary data collected from different journals and books to get better insight into the reproductive health of tribal. To collect on birth related practices, in depth investigation were carried out in this tribal group with the help of questionnaire and personal discussion and also through the personal observation.*

**KEYWORDS:** *Reproductive Health, Gadaba Tribe, Socio-Cultural Practices, Antenatal And Post-Natal Care*

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