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**ETHICAL PRACTICES OF SANTAL TRIBES: AN EXPOSITION WITH SPECIAL
REFERENCE TO BIRBHUM DISTRICT**

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Abstract

Before discussing on the ethical practices of Santal tribes it needs to delve something about ethics. Ethics is a subject which mainly deals about human conducts whether those conducts are “*right*” or “*wrong*”, “*good*” or “*bad*”, “*ought*” or “*ought not*”. The term morality is also usually used in the same sense but there is a sharp distinction between these two: ethics refer to rules provided by an external source, e.g., codes of conduct in workplaces or principles in religions. Morals refer to an individual's own principles regarding right and wrong. In this aspect “*ethics*” leans towards decisions based upon individual character, and the more subjective understanding of right and wrong ascertained by the individuals, whereas “*morals*” emphasizes the widely-shared communal or societal norms about right and wrong. It is worthy to mention that someone doesn't need to be moral to be ethical. Someone without a moral compass may follows ethical codes to be in good standing with society. On the other hand, someone can violate ethics all the time because they believe something is morally right. Generally, ethical behavior a kind of standards which are not always following high philosophical concepts, rather it is a down-to-earth decision-making guidelines that affect all aspects of human lives.¹ History attests that all ethical consideration implicitly exist in tribal level- like group level which are to be conceived as a common denominator of people’s behavior and those are deeply rooted to their moral values.

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