

Paddy, a staple for over 60% of the global population, has immense agricultural and cultural significance. The book, 'Indigenous Paddy Culture: Wisdom and Traditions of Tribes of Jharkhand', explores the paddy-growing traditions of the Oraon and Sadan communities in Jharkhand, India, emphasizing their ecological and cultural ties.

Divided into three sections, the first part examines the diffusion of paddy in Jharkhand, the ethnic identities of Oraon and Sadan, and the social networks and livelihood interdependence shaped by paddy cultivation. The second section explores paddy's role in social and religious ceremonies, folk traditions, and rituals, highlighting shared values of equality, collective economy, and artistic expression through dance, music, and cuisine.

The final section discusses the decline of traditional paddy varieties, the need for conservation, and the importance of indigenous farming practices in climate adaptation. It documents over 2000 traditional rice varieties once cultivated in Jharkhand and the Indian subcontinent, emphasizing paddy cultivation's deep-rooted cultural, social, and environmental significance.



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