

Cultural Influences on the Education of Tribal Communities in Valparai, Coimbatore District: An Ethnographic Study

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Abstract:

Education is the key for the upliftment of socio-economic status in tribal people and at the same time it is also important to protect their cultural identity. This paper investigates the cultural barriers to education faced by tribal children in Valparai, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu. It contributed to the knowledge about the ways language, cultural practices, family obligations, access to education, parental desires and efforts to preserve culture shaped children's educations at that time. Purposive sampling was used and an ethnographic qualitative research design was selected. Tribal students were interviewed in depth and focus group discussions with parents conducted. The data were analysed using thematic analysis as per Braun and Clarke (2006).

Results identified five key themes: Language, Identity and Educational Experiences; Cultural Lifestyle and Family Responsibilities; Distance, Hostel Life and Educational Continuity; Parental Educational Aspirations and Support; Education and Cultural Preservation. The research revealed that linguistic barriers, remoteness, and domestic chores affected the participation of children in education, while parental support, well-meaning teachers and culture-sensitive educational system improved the experiences of learning. Findings also suggest that educational growth and cultural preservation are attainable to be integrated when schools validate indigenous knowledge, respect linguistic complexity, and tribal cultural ideals. The study proposes to consolidate strengthen multilingual/biliteracy education, culturally responsive pedagogy, community school partnership, teacher professional development to enable tribal inclusion and tribal education that is sustainable. The research adds to the burgeoning literature on tribal education by presenting place-concrete findings that may have relevance for educational policy and practice in tribal territories...

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INTRODUCTION

The right to education is considered to be a basic human right and a powerful tool to foster social inclusion, equity and sustainable development. In the case of tribal peoples, education is not only a ladder for socio-economic progress but also a site for the retention of indigenous knowledge, cultural identity, and community values. Yet the tribal community's experiences with education are intimately tied to their cultural context, at the level of family, traditional knowledge, language, beliefs and daily communal life. As such, these cultural dynamics must be understood in order to cultivate educational practices that are meaningful, inclusive, and culturally sustaining.

The tribal communities in India have many cultures specific traditional practices, indigenous knowledge systems and distinct living practices which determine child's learning right from his/her early years. Even though a number of educational policies and welfare programmes have facilitated greater access to education for tribal children, many of them continue to face educational difficulties due to the clash of their cultural background with formal education. In fact, through an ethnographic approach to education, it is possible to attain a deeper understanding of how cultural realities affect participation in education, type of learning experience and relationship tribal groups have with formal education.

This ethnographic study examines the cultural constructs governing the education of the tribal people of Valparai, Coimbatore District. The study borrows from the naturalistic paradigm and aims to bring about insights that can inform culturally responsive pedagogy and enhance the educational experiences of tribal children by capturing the voices of tribal communities as lived in their home environments.

Need for the Study

Education is essential to social inclusion, equity, and sustainable development among tribal communities. However, many tribal children continue to face challenges in accessing and participating in education. These challenges are shaped not only by economic and geographical aspects; they are also matters of cultural practices, indigenous languages, traditional knowledge, and community values that influence the educational experiences of the children.

The tribal hamlets in Valparai, Coimbatore District, are home to rich tribal cultural traditions that still have a bearing on their educational involvement. Yet, comparatively few qualitative studies have examined how culture influences the education of these groups in their own words. Hence, the present study employed an ethnographic method to investigate the culture-education continuum through the lived experiences of tribal communities.

It is anticipated that the findings of this study will lead to a better understanding of the culture-education dynamic and be beneficial to educators, researchers, curriculum developers, and policymakers while formulating culture-responsive educational practices that serve educational development along with the continuity of the indigenous cultural heritage.

Research Gap

The debates in Indian tribal education so far have been on concerns like educational access, enrolment, literacy, school infrastructure, dropout rate and delivery of government welfare schemes. A few researchers have also studied the social economic problems related to education development of the tribal community. These studies have greatly enhanced our understanding of tribal education, but they have been predominantly focused on quantitative measures and the effects of policy instruments.

To date, only a handful of studies have investigated tribal education from an ethnographic standpoint that explores tribal communities at work and play within their native life-worlds. There is none that explores tribal children's schooling experiences in relation to cultural practices, IKS, language, family life, traditional vocation and community ethos in Valparai, Coimbatore District.

This paper aims to fill such a void with an ethnographic perspective to investigate the culture-education nexus from the viewpoints of tribal groups. In showing what tribal people themselves have to say about their lives, in presenting a close focus on people's lived experience, this study aims to enhance what is already known about culturally responsive tribal education.

Research Questions

How do tribal cultural practices shape children's education in Valparai, Coimbatore District?

To what extent do indigenous language, traditional knowledge and livelihood practices inform education for tribal children?

What are students, parents, teachers, and community elders' perceptions of education?

What cultural and educational barriers and enablers impact/bias the schooling of tribal children?

What culturally (appropriate) educational approaches strengthen the education of tribal communities in Valparai?

Objectives of the Study General Objective

To study cultural impact on the education of tribal children in Valparai, Coimbatore District through ethnographic approach.

Specific Objectives

To study the cultural patterns among tribe community and its impact on education in Valparai, Coimbatore District.

To investigate the ways in which family life, native language, traditional knowledge, beliefs, and livelihood practices inform the schooling of tribal children.

To get an insight into tribal students' educational experiences as viewed by students, parents, teachers and community elders.

To recommend culturally responsive educational strategies for enhancing tribal education in the

region.

Review of Related Literature

Saraswathi Nandhini R. and Sathyamurthi K. (2016), A Qualitative Study on the Health and Education of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) of Gudalur, Tamil Nadu, through qualitative ethnographic research. The data was gathered through participatory social mapping, transect walks, case studies, field observations and secondary sources from three tribal villages wherein the Paniya, Kurumba and Kattunayakan tribal communities reside. The study cited tribal education was affected by sociocultural and economic aspects of life, like poverty, low parental awareness, weak parental motivation to educate, language and school dropout. The results also suggest that children experienced challenges as the language of instruction was a foreign language to their first language, which correlated with low levels of instructional engagement. The study concluded that culturally responsive pedagogical support, community engagement, and collaboration with non-governmental organizations play a crucial role in enhancing the educational prospects of the tribal milieu.

Saroj Sahu, Partha Sarathi Mallik, Sadhujan Bankira, Dipanjali Sahu, Suruchi Sahoo (2025), Tribal Education in India: Socio-Cultural, Institutional and Economical Constraints. The review focused on tribal education issues as addressed in government reports, educational policy documents, census data and published research that applied to India in general as well as to specific states within India. The results indicate that tribal children encounter numerous educational hurdles such as language problems,

curricula that are culturally inappropriate, poverty, low parental involvement, poor school facilities, an inadequate number of trained teachers, and a dearth of culturally responsive educational practices. These led to decline in enrolments, high dropout rates and poor performance of tribal students. The research ended on a positive note stating that erosion of tribal education could be reversed through culturally responsive curricula, inclusive policy interventions, enhanced infrastructure, trained teachers and improved community involvement that would pave the way for equitable and sustainable educational development.

W. James Jacob, Sheng Yao Cheng & Maureen K. Porter (Eds.), (2015), Indigenous Education: Language, Culture and Identity (Chapter 1: Global Review of Indigenous Education: Issues of Identity, Culture, and Language) reviewed qualitatively the indigenous education by analyzing language, culture, identity, and education within indigenous communities in Asia, Africa, North America, Latin America, and Oceania. This chapter reviewed international literature, educational policies, and comparative research to analyze the educational lives of Indigenous people. The empowerment of local (indigenous) knowledge beyond the (Western-imposed) curriculum is at the core of initiatives to revitalise indigenous education and languages: Indigenous education is the “education of the local community of Indigenous peoples... through its (the local community’s) oral language and with the use and teaching of its worldview and cultural worldview”. The authors note culturally inappropriate curriculum, language loss, historical marginalization, and exclusion of Indigenous knowledges as key issues facing indigenous education. The researchers recommended that whole-school approaches to education that involve the community be necessary for inclusive and sustainable Indigenous education, such as promoting affirmative educational practices, preserving Indigenous languages, implementing relevant curricula, and ensuring active community involvement.

Research Methodology

This research is work in the tradition of qualitative ethnography to study tribal education in the context of culture in Valparai, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu. An ethnographic perspective was deemed suitable as it led to a more profound insight into the participants lived experiences, cultural practices, beliefs, and values, as well as their educational experiences in their own context. The study is set in Valparai in the Anamalai Hills, Western Ghats, where traditional cultural practices have a bearing on education. Using purposive sampling, we selected several community members: students, parents, teachers, community elders, and tribal leaders who had extensive knowledge of the cultural and educational fabric of the community.

Data gathering was achieved through the use of semi-structured interviews, FGDs, participant observation, and field notes to reach depth of understanding in culture and education. Semi-structured interviews and FGDs are based on theoretical experiences and cultural viewpoints of participants' discussions, participant observations, and field notes on their daily activities, rituals, and contextual stories. Due to multiple used qualitative methods of analyses, it was possible to triangulate the data and this gave strength to the findings and made them richer.

Data Analysis

The analysis of the qualitative data gathered through semi-structured interviews, FGDs, participant observation, and field notes was informed by Braun and Clarke's (2006) thematic analysis in six steps. This approach was adopted as it enables an ordered yet flexible analysis of patterns/themes within qualitative data and is increasingly popular in ethnographic and qualitative studies.

In phase 1 (Familiarisation with the Data), verbatim transcripts of all the interviews and the FGDs were made. The transcripts, the observation notes, and the field notes were reviewed and re-read several times to achieve a deep understanding of the participants' experiences and the culture of this study. Preliminary concepts and directions of interest were taken down through notes also.

Using an inductive approach, the second stage (Constructing Initial Codes) involved the researcher manually going through the data and highlighting words, phrases, sentences and incidents that are significant and relevant to the research aims. The same codes were then applied to similar responses during the interviews, FGDs, observations and field notes to maintain uniformity in the analysis.

In the third phase (Searching for Themes), related codes are gathered together under the same theme. The categories were subsequently reviewed for emerging themes that encapsulated the dominant cultural factors affecting the education of the tribal people.

In the fourth phase (Reviewing Themes) The initial themes were reviewed by two approaches when considering the coded data at level 1 and the entire data space at level 2. Overlapping themes were combined, and themes with were further developed or discarded to ensure each theme was internally coherent and meaningful.

Phase 5 (Defining and Naming Themes) At the end of each theme is defined and named by its essence. The themes were inductively derived from the narratives of the participants and not preconceived to ensure that the results reflect the real lived experiences of the tribal communities.

Thus, in the final Phase 6 (Writing Up), the interpretation of the themes is connected here to the purpose of the study with supporting excerpts from interviews, FGD, participant observations, and field notes. These findings were presented and discussed in relation to current literature to describe the role of cultural beliefs, traditional practices and language, family life and community values in shaping the schooling experiences of the tribal children in Valparai.

Triangulation of data obtained from the interviews, FGDs, observations, and field notes was used to increase the trustworthiness of the findings. The coding and theme development process was conducted entirely by hand by the researcher without the use of qualitative data analysis software, which enabled active engagement with the data and retention of the contextual richness of the participant experience.

Coding Framework for Thematic Analysis

Table 1. Coding Framework for Thematic Analysis

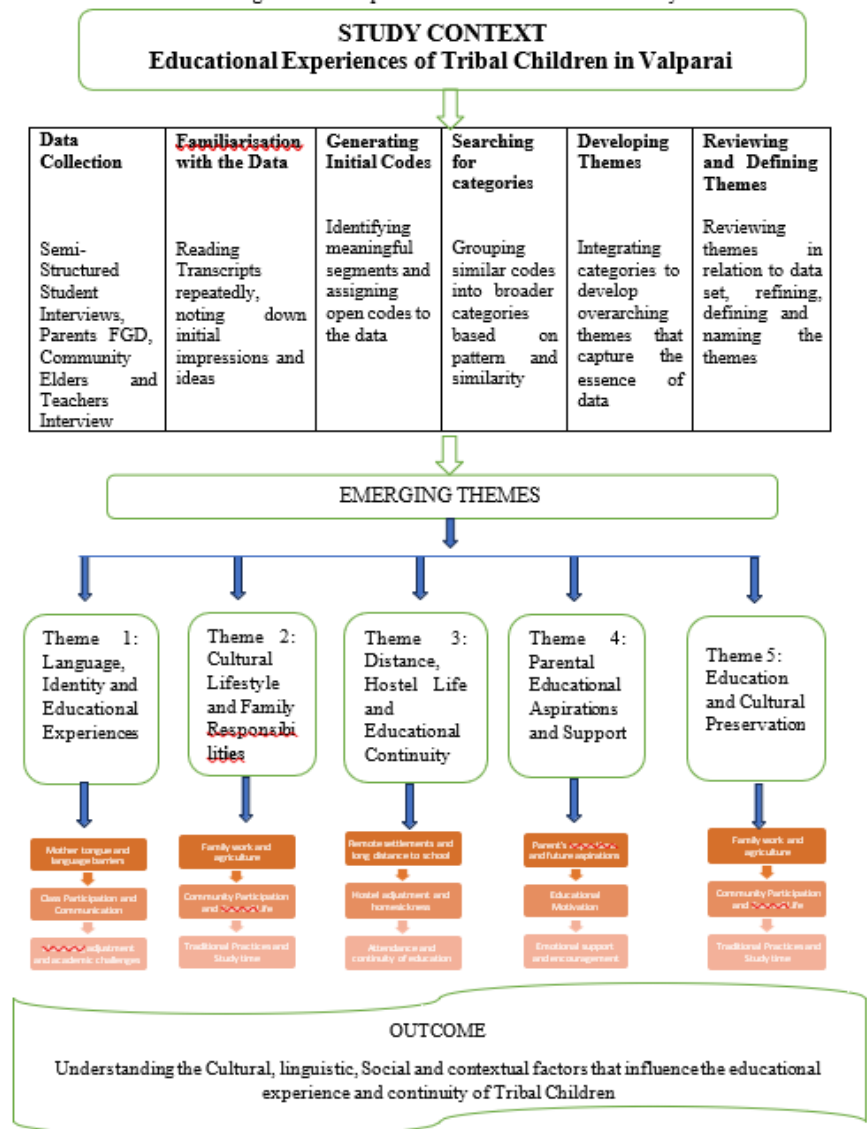
Representative Transcript Excerpt	Open Code	Category	Final Theme
"The school language is different from the language spoken at home."	Language difference	Linguistic barriers	Theme 1: Language, Identity and Educational Experiences
"Children struggle to understand lessons in the beginning."	Difficulty understanding lessons	Academic challenges	Theme 1: Language, Identity and Educational Experiences

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"Children participate in everyday activities and learn gradually."	Experiential learning	Community participation	Theme 2: Cultural Lifestyle and Family Responsibilities
"Children learn by observing parents, elders and community members."	Learning through observation	Informal learning	Theme 2: Cultural Lifestyle and Family Responsibilities
"Schools are located far from the settlement."	Distance to school	Geographical barriers	Theme 3: Distance, Hostel Life and Educational Continuity
"Hostel life creates adjustment difficulties."	Hostel adjustment	Residential challenges	Theme 3: Distance, Hostel Life and Educational Continuity
"Parents encourage children to continue studying."	Educational encouragement	Emotional support	Theme 4: Parental Educational Aspirations and Support
"We want our children to get good jobs and a secure future."	Employment aspiration	Career expectations	Theme 4: Parental Educational Aspirations and Support
"Education and culture should go together."	Balancing tradition and modernity	Cultural adaptation	Theme 5: Education and Cultural Preservation
"Traditional knowledge should be preserved."	Indigenous knowledge preservation	Cultural sustainability	Theme 5: Education and Cultural Preservation

Conceptual Framework of Thematic Analysis

Figure 1. Conceptual Framework of Thematic Analysis



Findings and Discussion

Theme 1: Language, Identity and Educational Experiences

The processing of the student interviews and the parents' focus group discussions showed that language turned out to be the most impacting factor influencing the educational experiences of tribal children. The Majority of the participants described that the language they spoke at home was very different from the language of instruction at school. This language gap made it hard for them in the beginning to understand the lessons, ask the teachers for clarifications, and actively take part in class activities with confidence. But as time went on, students slowly adjusted to the school environment with the help of teachers and peers as well as they themselves gradually became familiar with the language of school.

The following excerpts illustrate these experiences:

"The language spoken in school is different from the language we use at home. At first, it was difficult to understand what the teachers were teaching." (Student Participant)

"Sometimes children hesitate to speak in class because they are afraid of making mistakes in the school language." (Parent FGD Participant)

"Friends helped us understand the lessons when we could not follow the teacher's explanation." (Student Participant)

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Interpretation

The results suggest that language was one of the important factors influencing tribal children's education. Most of them said that the language at home is not the medium of instruction used in school, and they have faced some difficulty at the beginning to understand the lesson, to talk with teachers, and to work in class. The linguistic unfamiliarity's, displayed as well as other things, led to hesitation, insecurity, and minimal interaction in class in the first period of education. Parents also recognized that children needed more time and help to switch to the language of the school, especially in the lower grades of schooling.

Despite such impediments, the participants noted that the children's language skills and confidence improved as they were able to spend more time in the school environment and had the support of their teachers and peers. When students have gained access to the language of instruction, it is easier for them to participate more actively in class discussions, feel more at ease with the teacher, and be more motivated to engage in learning activities. This implies that a positive and inclusive school climate

may buffer the negative consequences on education due to language barriers. The results also show that, while learning the language of the school is a prerequisite for school success, holding on to the mother tongue is just as important for identity as a cultural person and as a member of the family. Thus, language is not to be considered only as a medium of instruction, but language is also a cultural resource related to children's identity and a sense of belonging. These findings underline the importance of culturally responsive teaching that acknowledges the linguistic background of tribal children and supports academic success along with cultural survival within the context of inclusive educational practices.

Theme 2: Cultural Lifestyle and Family Responsibilities Participant Quotations

"Children participate in agricultural work and other household activities along with their parents." (Parent FGD Participant)

"During festivals and cultural events, we spend more time with our family and community, which sometimes affects our studies." (Student Participant)

"We learn many traditional practices from our parents and elders while helping them in their daily activities." (Student Participant)

Interpretation

The results demonstrated that children's school attendance is greatly affected by the cultural lifestyle and family burden of tribal families. Children from a young age work on the house, in the fields, or participate in the culture migration of their people with their parents, and grandparents. These duties hold the possibility of learning native wisdom, practical knowledge, and cultural values that are high in the community. As a result, what children learn

Nevertheless, the participants maintained that fulfilling the family obligations over educational expectations was at times difficult. Children juggle assisting their family, at times quite extensively, especially in farming seasons, festivals, and cultural events while at times there is little time to prepare for studies. While these duties do interfere with their schooling and study time on occasion, parents for the most part have a positive outlook on education and want their children to further their education as much as they can while also holding onto their cultural traditions.

The results indicate that formal education and traditional cultural knowledge are not incompatible systems, but rather represent different dimensions of the child's growth. By acknowledging and honoring tribal cultural practices in the educational system, the educational system itself has the

potential to be more inclusive of academic knowledge and Indigenous wisdom. This approach may help to promote students' educational engagement as well as their cultural identity and traditional life style.

Theme 3: Distance, Hostel Life and Educational Continuity Participant Quotations

"The school is far from our settlement, so travelling every day is difficult." (Student Participant) "Living in the hostel was difficult at first because I missed my family." (Student Participant)

"The long distance and transportation problems sometimes affect our children's regular school attendance." (Parent FGD Participant)

Interpretation

The results show that distance and hostel living were the key factors that affected the educational continuity of tribal students. Participants commented that the majority of the schools are situated distant away from their hamlet, which makes it physically exhausting and time consuming to travel every day. Steep slopes, inadequate means of transport and hours-long journeys by bus and on foot frequently forced students

to miss classes on a regular basis while also dictating their level of participation in class activities. The majority of the challenges were especially pronounced for children residing in remote forest villages.

So, a lot of students are staying on at residential hostel. Parents such as participants noted that they initially found the adjustment phase difficult emotionally. Homesickness, separation from family and strange environment contributed to children's emotional well-being and learning during the first stages of life in the hostel. But as the students got used to the hostel life little by little, they would feel more at home in the school system and the chances of continuing their schooling would increase.

The parents realised that the hostel facilities gave access to an education which would not otherwise be available to their children, but they also stressed that it was their emotional needs and the need for regular contact with family which would enable the children to make the transition successfully. These findings indicate that modalities such as improved transportation arrangements, more robust hostel system of support, and regular communication with parents have the potential for increasing educational continuity for tribal children. Therefore, it is critical to tackle geographic barriers as well as emotional barriers to encourage long-term school attendance and to prevent children from dropping out of school

Theme 4: Parental Educational Aspirations and Support Participant Quotations

"We want our children to complete higher education and have a better future." (Parent FGD Participant)

"My parents always encourage me to continue my studies even when I face difficulties." (Student Participant)

"Education will help our children get good jobs and improve their lives." (Parent FGD Participant)

Interpretation

The finding suggests that the parents hold the key for aspirational education and motivation to learn amongst tribal children. Although these numerous parents have very little education, they know that the path of education leads them to better social and economic life. With these desires for their children to have even higher levels of education, more stable employment, and a more comfortable life than they had been able to give still echoed constantly among respondents. These sorts of ambitions echo an emergent pattern of orientation to education as a means of personal fulfilment and future security.

Parents emphasised that it was their role to encourage their children to go to school and to study 'no matter what'. Parental involvement also inspired students to continue to pursue their academic paths, particularly when they had experienced difficulties at school or at home. Emotional support that enabled them to have more confidence in themselves and their family to overcome the barriers of language, distance and hostel life.

Material considerations aside, parental ambitions are not simply that for wealth, the findings suggest. Education was viewed by parents as the means for their children to make better decisions, be more confident, and more active participants in society while maintaining family and cultural traditions. This implies that parental impact on children's education is not limited to school attendance but may also affect children's emotional well-being, educational persistence, and aspirations for the future. Therefore, the strengthening of home-school collaboration could lead to positive effects on students' learning outcomes and thus on the continuation of formal education

Theme 5: Education and Cultural Preservation Participant Quotations

"Education is important, but our children should also learn our traditions and culture." (Parent FGD Participant)

"We learn about our customs and traditional practices from our parents and elders." (Student Participant)

"Traditional knowledge should not disappear even when children receive formal education." (Parent FGD Participant)

Interpretation

The results suggest that education and cultural maintenance are seen as dual, rather than competing, elements of children's development. There was a consistent emphasis among the participants that formal education should not result in the erosion of traditional knowledge, cultural values and indigenous identity, although it opens doors to gaining academic success and future employment. Parents articulated a strong

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need for their children to do well in education but to also continue to honour and practice their cultural way.

Students also acknowledged the value of traditional practices, deeper understandings of indigenous knowledge, and communal ethos gained from their parents and elders. These cultural experiences affirmed their identity and their place in the world, which made it possible for them to be abroad in formal education but still connected to their own culture. They also felt that knowledge of culture and contemporary education can be taught together and develop children as whole persons.

The results also suggest that culturally responsive pedagogies can serve to narrow the gap between official schooling and indigenous life-worlds. When schools validate tribal culture and promote respect for community practices, students are more apt to view education positively and are not so likely to suffer a loss of culture identity. In this way, educational interventions that rest on indigenous knowledge as a legitimate educational resource and that provide ways for indigenous worldviews to be strengthened in teaching and learning have significant promise. And that a strategy like this could help promote educational success and ensure the survival of tribal cultural traditions for generations to come

Recommendations

Develop a Tribal Mother-Tongue Bridge Education Programme

Formulate a Tribal Mother-Tongue Bridge Education Programme Education administrators needed to implement an organized mother-tongue bridge system in the early year level of schooling in transfer from the tribal language to the medium of instruction. This process reduces fear of learning, increases participation in the classroom and enhances basic literacy skills without compromising the linguistic identity of the children.

Establish Community-Based Learning Resource Centres

Community learning centres can be set up in tribal villages, where elders, parents, and teachers together guide learning beyond the school day. The centres can combine academic tutoring with traditional knowledge, storytelling, environmental education and cultural traditions, making learning at home and school more seamless.

Introduce Culturally Responsive Curriculum Practices

Schools need to reflect local culture, traditions, ways of life and environment in what they do, including treatment of regional indigenous knowledge, traditional ecological practices, oral histories, and indigenous lived experience. Such curriculum modifications can increase student participation and acknowledge tribal knowledge as a source of education, as opposed to isolating it from formal education.

Strengthen Residential School and Hostel Support Systems

Residential hostels must offer organised mentorship, psychosocial support, and regular family engagement sessions to lessen homesickness and enhance students' emotional health. Regular parent–hostel meetings and culturally sensitive hostel-based activities could enhance the continuity of children's education.

Implement Continuous Professional Development for Teachers

Teachers serving in tribal areas need to be provided with training in multilingual education, culture responsive pedagogy and inclusive management of classrooms. Visits to tribal resettlements and interaction with the community could even more sensitize teachers to the socio- cultural context of their students and positively influence teacher–student relations

Promote Collaborative Educational Governance

Departments of government, schools, tribal welfare bodies, local communities, and NGOs should coalesce to create context-specific educational solutions for tribal children. These alliances can guarantee that educational policies are responsive to local realities and at the same time, protect indigenous cultural identity and the improvement of educational outcomes in the long run.

Conclusion

This study was conducted in Tribal settlements, Valparai through ethnography to understand the culture of education of tribal children. language, cultural life-style, family obligation, village distance, hostel life, parent aspiration and cultural conservation exerted an influence on nutrition of child's education. Although these obstacles do present educational barriers for Native families, the research also underscored the enduring dedication of Native families to their children's education and to their cultural identity despite being forced to face such challenges.

Findings suggest that tribal education is more than just addressing participation in school or academic achievement. Instead, culturally responsive educational approaches that respect indigenous languages, traditional knowledge, parents' participation and community values are essential when developing and implementing broad-based, inclusive and meaningful educational environments. Fostering a closer collaboration between schools, families and policy makers may contribute to guaranteeing the right to educational inclusion, and at the same time, the cultural identity of tribal children. In general, this study contributes to the understanding of tribal education by demonstrating that educational progress with cultural maintenance is possible through contextually and culturally responsive educational approaches

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