

A CASE STUDY ON THE TRADITIONAL COSTUMES OF *RONGPA* TRIBE OF UTTARAKHAND

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ABSTRACT

The document beholds a study of *Rongpa* tribe from the Niti and Mana village in Uttarakhand. Clothes of *Rongpa* people were made of mostly woolen which help them to survive in extreme atmosphere. As the *Rongpa* people migrated to India in 1962 from Tibet. The costume of this tribe had very mix features of both the places. Traditionally the female wore *Paakhi*, *Angadi*, *Ghagri*, *Ghunti*, *Kanchupa* and male wore Woolen Cap, Woollen Coat, Woolen Pant and Sweater in winter. The woolen fabric for the garments was fabricated by the people of this community itself. Costumes preserved the aspect of functionality as well as costumes were aesthetic also, which provide them more significant place in the costumes of India. As people moving out of their native places in hunt of livelihood the dresses have been changed and modernized. But people inhabiting in the villages have kept the tradition still alive.

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