

# A Tribe in the Context of a Tea Industry in India: Some Preliminary Considerations and Observations\*

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## I. Introduction

Study of simpler societies in their contact with modern life and industry provides an interesting phenomenon for anthropological study. It became a major concern of the students of social science only during the last two decades or so. But, the study has got a tremendous impetus from the UNESCO's consistent interest in the subject.

Industrialization may be considered as a process of modernization in terms of economic growth (MOORE 1963: 91). PARSON (1951: 58) observes that an industrialized society is characterized by the preponderance of achievement standards in the distribution of economic roles and objects, universalistic criteria in this distribution process, and economic roles are typically functionally specific. In contrast, a non-industrial or tradition-oriented society exhibits the

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