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**Hygiene and Sanitation Practices among the Mising Tribe of Dhemaji District, Assam**

—*Milonjyoti Borgohain*

Unsatisfactory sanitation has direct effect on health of human being, communities and nation as a whole. Good sanitation facilities improve our physical condition and also develop economic productivity. Use of personal hygiene, latrine, clean manufacturing proper disposal of waste products and hygiene activities are under sanitation. However, toilet is taken as a fundamental sign of health and sanitation worldwide.

The tribal inhabitants of India are aboriginal people of the land. India has the second largest tribal population in the world. There are around 461 tribal communities found in India. Basically they are living in various environmental circumstances. Assam is the homeland of diverse ethnographic. Each tribal community has their own cultural tradition. As per 2011 census, the total population of Assam was 31,69,272. The Mising are one of the second largest plain tribal groups of Assam. As per 2011 Census of India, the population of the Mising in the State of Assam is 4,63,842 (Male-5,45,796 Female-3,54,638). Among them in Assam 6,63,842 and in India 16,382 which constitute 12.7% of the total population of the total S.T. population of Assam is 3,88,171. District where their population is shown as below (5): (Dhemaji 2,20,654), Sonitpur 49,028), Shivasgar (27,334), Tezpur (18,145), Dibrugarh 2,85, Kamrup (49,028), Nagaon (27,334), Nagaon (178), Karbi (127), Jaldighri (87), Metropolis (2,296), Nagao (178), Karbi (127), Jaldighri (87), Borgohain (2) and Marigaon (1). The Mising are the second largest

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