

## CHAPTER 46

### SOCIOLOGY

#### Doctoral Theses

420. CHOUDHURY (Shoma)  
**People's Science Movement in Kerala: A Sociological Study.**  
Supervisor : Prof. Rita Brara  
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#### *Abstract*

This study of the peoples' science movement in Kerala seeks to understand social movements through the lens of its participants, in the main, as they engage in the task of producing knowledge about issues that arise in their particular historical, political and cultural contexts. It has attempted to provide a situated understanding of the role of activists, which led to an appreciation of how the categories of science and development were inflected with particular meanings in specific contexts to articulate a different politics or a parallel discourse by the movement itself. In trying to demonstrate how the relationship between science and society is being made and remade in specific contexts through various mediations by a social movement, show how science and society shape and constitute each other.

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421. SHARMA (Chandan Kumar)  
**Bodo Movement in Assam: A Sociological Study.**  
Supervisor : Prof. Virginus Xaxa  
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*Abstract*

Studies the sociological dynamics of the contemporary Bodo autonomy movement in Assam in a specific micro setting. This study has been set in the theoretical perspective of nationalism in general and that of the Indian nation-building process in particular. It is primarily interested in viewing how an ethnic group, in this case the bodos, constructs a culturo-political identity of its own over a period of time and how it impacts the conceptualization of self identity at the micro-level. The study seeks to understand how a micro- level identity negotiates the ongoing changes in the macro-level and works out its relationship with its neighbouring community/communities.

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