



# Psychological Impact of compulsive practice of Blood Money Ritual

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**Abstract :** ***Background-** Traditions are important in life. They can provide the mental peace on one hand but if practiced by compulsive pattern it can create stress and storms. Peculiar tribal tradition is such tradition which has changed its form and now became a medium of money making. **Objective-** Aim of the present research paper is to understand the psychological impact of compulsive practice of blood money. **Methodology-** The locale of the present study was confined to the Kotda block of Udaipur district, Rajasthan. The semi structured interview method was used to collect the data and then Qualitative analysis was done. **Result and Discussion-** Results indicated that migration due to mautana episodes is very painful and life threatening.*

*IndexTerms - Keywords: TRIBAL, TRADITION, BLOOD MONEY, PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT*

## **I. Introduction**

**Traditions** are important medium of socialization process throughout the lifespan development of any individual. Tradition shows us the ideal path of living. They always have a very strong influence on the behaviour of the whole community. **Tribal** are always known for their unique cultural heritage. Tribes live in any specific geographical area while representing any social group with territorial affiliation. (Jaiswal, 2018) While living in their remote places they ensure the existence of their age old traditional practices. Some traditions change with the passage of time or some are practised with certain modalities to ensure their healthy and positive impact. Culture has a lot of impact on tribal behaviour . As culture is dynamic the

tribals have faced and are facing changes. However the tribes have retained the principal elements of their ways of life. Modern forces are actively moulding the lives of tribes (Vidyarthi & Rai,1968) Matsumoto & Juang (2004) defined culture as a dynamic combination of rules, explicit and implicit order required to ensure survival which impacts attitude, values, belief, norms and behaviors shared by a group. These are though relatively stable but can change across time.

But some traditions are such which are being practised as **psychological rigidity**. Their compulsive practice is the key issue in generating chaos at many places. One such tradition is Moutana which is being practised at Kotda Block of Udaipur district Rajasthan. In this tradition money is demanded from the suspected individual who has caused the death of the particular individual. In ancient times this tradition was introduced to safeguard the victim or the weaker section of the community but now it has become the crucial medium of money making. If the demanded money is not paid then the other party is being looted, robbed off and even murdered. The severity of this peculiar tradition is so much that it creates hindrance in the maintenance of the law and order. It is also the major cause of generating the fear, anxiety, stress, helplessness etc among the tribal people.

## II.OBJECTIVE

- To understand the psychological impact of the compulsive practice of blood money ritual.

## III. METHODOLOGY –

The locale of the present study was confined to the Kotda block of Udaipur district, Rajasthan. The semi structured interview method was used to collect the data from the individuals affected by Moutana. Interview script was prepared and major factors were screened out. Frequency of their occurrence in the whole responses were assessed and then Qualitative analysis was done by word cloud analysis using software Tabeleu

## IV. Results

**Table**  
**Qualitative Analysis by Word Cloud Analysis using Tableau.2021.4**

Words	Number of times appeared in field interview
Life Threatening	25
Fear	30
Forced To Migrate	20
Difficult	15
Unemployment	13
Dark Future	22
Daily Life Problems	12
Mautana	30
Violence	18
Murder	28



**Word Cloud created by Tableau.2021.4**

## V. DISCUSSION

Word Cloud analysis indicates that the compulsive practice of tribal tradition Moutana is creating so much physical, psychological, economic and social challenges for the affected families. Such stressful situations are creating emotional turmoil for the individuals. Life is miserable for them. The word cloud analysis created with the help of frequency of the words appeared in the interview scripts indicated that the major psychosocial issues include Life Threatening, Fear, Forced To Migrate, Difficult, Unemployment, Dark Future, Murder, Mautana, Violence, Daily Life Problems. This means the semantic meaning indicating that the practice of mautana is life threatening which induces fear to migrate from the native places. This painful migration invites so many difficulties including the unemployment, daily life challenges etc. such scenario creates the feeling of helplessness and the individuals are compelled to perceive their future in darkness.

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