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# অসমৰ প্ৰথম মহিলা আলোচনী ঘৰ জেউতি'ৰ পাতত ব্ৰিটিছ অসমৰ নাৰীৰ স্থান : এক অৱলোকন

ড° বৰ্ণালী কাকতি

ব্ৰিটিছ অসমৰ সমাজ জীৱনত নাৰীৰ স্থান কি আছিল এই সম্পৰ্কে বিভিন্ন ঐতিহাসিক লেখনি বা সমল পোৱা যায়। মুখ্যতঃ প্ৰাক্ স্বাধীন কালৰ ব্ৰিটিছ বিষয়াসকলে প্ৰস্তুত কৰা বিভিন্ন ৰিপ'ৰ্ট, লোকপিয়ল, খ্ৰীষ্টিয়ান মিছনাৰীসকলৰ প্ৰতিবেদন, আলোচনী তথা সমসাময়িক অসমৰ নৱ শিক্ষিত লোকসকলৰ লেখনীৰ পৰাই এই সম্পৰ্কে এক ধাৰণা কৰিব পাৰি। প্ৰসংগক্ৰমে উল্লেখ কৰিব পাৰি যে মানুহৰ মুখখনেই যেনেদৰে মন দেখা দাপোন। ঠিক তেনেদৰে সমাজৰ মন বা প্ৰকৃত অৱস্থা দেখা দাপোণ হ'ল মহিলাসকল। মহিলা বা নাৰীৰ স্থানৰ ওপৰতহে এখন সমাজৰ মান নিৰ্ভৰ কৰে। মহিলাৰ স্থান আৰু মান সম্বলিত। তেনে উল্লেখযোগ্য তথ্যসমৃদ্ধ লেখনী অৰুণোদয়, বাঁহী, আৱাহন, মৌ আদি আলোচনীৰ লগতে কুৰি শতিকাৰ দ্বিতীয় দশকত (১৯২৭-১৯৩১) প্ৰকাশ পোৱা অসমৰ প্ৰথম মাহেকীয়া মহিলা আলোচনী 'ঘৰ জেউতি'ৰ পাততো বিদ্যমান।

এই প্ৰবন্ধটিত 'ঘৰ জেউতি'ত সন্নিবিষ্ট সমলসমূহৰ আধাৰত সমাজত নাৰীৰ স্থান অৱলোকনৰ চেষ্টা কৰা হৈছে। প্ৰাক্-স্বাধীনতা যুগৰ মহিলা



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