

## THE SYSTEM OF MARRIAGE IN LAMBADA COMMUNITY

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“The weavers weave the cloth with golden threads here or there this adds beauty. Similarly the lambadas are the golden threads in the rich Indian cultural heritage”.

(Quoted in D.B.Nayak, 2000.p.1) Smt -IndiraGandhi

### ABSTRACT

The purpose of this paper is to draw some of the interesting ways of celebrating marriages in Lambada community. In this paper I will make an attempt to describe the engagement process and marriage system in olden days of Lambada community. Each community has its own characteristics in terms of the language and culture and In due course of time every society or community will adopt some new changes in their customs and traditions. In the light of this change I would like to focus on the olden ways of celebrating marriages in Lambada community as well as their Food habits, dress code, ornaments songs etc. All these things will be explained in this paper in a detailed way. I also cover the marriage alliances in Bengal and Tamilnadu state and things that they consider while getting marriage. Significance of marriage and critical analysis are also discussed in this paper. I have also given the views of great linguists such as Edward Wesermerck, Kingsly Davis, Mr.Lewis H.Morgan and Louis Dumont about the origin and evolution of marriage in course of time. Ultimately this paper will give some new insights to the people of Lambada community and also to the other community.

### Critical analysis

After going through some of the interesting ways of the Lambada marriage ceremony I will analyze some points based on the information from various sources. In olden days Lambadas gave much importance to rituals, customs, and tradition. They follow all the rituals, practices, and traditions without ignoring a single event related to their culture and marriage system. Moreover they give much importance to the family relationships and the consent of all the family members in any occasion. Equal preference is given to all the festivals. Though most of the

families are in poverty and depend on their agriculture and labor, they celebrate the marriage ceremony in a grand way. This signifies that they are the lovers of rituals than anything else. Most of them borrow money from land lords and celebrate rituals. This could be one of the reasons for their poverty and backwardness in the society.

Celebrating the marriage ceremonies from thirty to forty days is a big event and this can't be found in any other communities. It simply shows how much importance they give for their cultural activities and marriage celebrations. Lambada women wears so many different ornaments for their marriage Wearing different types of ornaments shows that they give much importance to decorate their body in order to show their rich cultural heritage.

**Objectives:**

To study extensively about the Lambada marriage system and its diverse culture

Formalities and practices of marriages in different regions of Telangana Lambadas

To explore some of the differences in terms of cultural and social practices.

Changing factors form archaic to the new or modern technology and its impact on Lambada culture and tradition.

To study the different ways of celebrations and various other aspects of their culture and tradition of marriage

**Conclusion:**

As it has been described above lambadas system of marriage is unique in its own terms and is known for their uniformity and cultural integrity. Lambada culture during the past few decades have gone through the trauma of various dominating forces in the name of modernization. Their rituals, customs and morals were affected by other dominant cultures. The Hindu culture is vigorously disturbing their indigenous ethos. When the norms and values of one culture dominates the other through subjugation, colonization, or in the name of development these can generate dissonance between the two or result in the assimilation of one culture into the other.