

Role of Christian Missionaries in Ahmednagar District: A Socio-Political Study of American Marathi Mission

Executive Summary

This study deals with religious socio-economic and political development of Christian community in the perspective of Missionaries work. Missionaries tried to convert the poor and lower castes people. Some Brahmins were also converted. They attempted to develop economical and health condition of the people. They afforded school education, training education and industrial training. The Mission brought out an American agricultural expert who helped the government. They also helped the people during famine. This study will seek correlations among Religion, Socio-economic and political development of Christian community through Missionaries' work.

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Lastly my Study American Marathi Mission is succeeded in up liftmen of the poor and the neglected people in the Ahmednagar District. Because of the facilities provided by the American Marathi Mission, then backward classes received the opportunities of education and health care.

American Marathi Missions role in education provided low typed jobs to the people of famine stricken Ahmednagar district. Conversion policies of Christian missionaries are responsible for the up liftmen of the downtrodden casts and it is found that no violation of human rights in the cases of Christian community and also no incidences of atrocities found on Christian communities in this district. Though the people accepted Christianity from various religions the cast pattern in those religions also inculcated in Christian community.