



A STUDY OF PLACE NAMES IN BARGARH DISTRICT

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The study of Place-names with a distinguished past plays an important role in linguistic, archaeological and historical research. As an interdisciplinary study of place-names, research takes into account historical folkloristic, linguistic, geographical and ethnological data. Place-names thus reflect not only physical characteristics of the place, but also characteristics of the people who live there; they may provide insights into cultural, linguistic, historical habits and spatial, environmental perception.

Place names provide a valuable source of information for the study of human civilization and culture. Some of the important areas of study which come under this subject may be mentioned, the place names embody important material for the reconstruction of history. The maps which remain on our maps can supply us with traces of history of nations that have left us no other memorials. The temple and other institutions of India throw considerable light on their ancient past. But there are some nations which have no records or monuments. The knowledge of their history and migration can be recorded from a study of their place names.

Place names have something to tell us about the religious beliefs and rituals. Further quite a few names throw some light on the belief in supernatural beings i.e., Gobindapur, Mangalpura, Ramadega etc.

Place-names give information regarding castes, tribes, race and profession of the people. Such place names known as Ethnographical place-names. Examples of these kinds are Brahmanipali, Gandapali, Padhanpali etc.

There are some place-names which inform us about mountains, hills, rock, water, river, lakes, stream, ponds, these place-names may be named as geographical and physical features.

Many place-names are associated with flora such as trees, plants, forests, gardens, flowers, vegetables, grains, and pulses.

Place names relating to Fauna wild and domestic animals, reptiles, birds. Kaumania, Chitakhai, Barahapali etc.

Some place-names of Bargarh associated with trade commercial importance, industries, cities which can be read as Economic place names for example Chandipali, Motipali, Hirapura etc.

Further some place-names linked with royal dynasties, King, Queen, Epithets of the Kings etc, carry a lot of historical significance

Above all, place-names are of great value for linguistic study they supply us with full measure linguistic information of a kind that is absent in archaeology and usually ignored in the historical records. Thus the study not only helps us in tracing the history of sounds, but also fixing dialect boundaries. The Toponymical study can contribute to Lexicography, dialectology, phonology and the principles of word formation.

Study of place-names received considerable attention within India and abroad. In Europe, German historian Forstemann, Rygh in Norway, Noreen in Sweden, Skeat in England are regarded as the pioneers in this field. Toponymical Institutions have been formed either independently by scholars or by the government to foster research and standardize geographical names. "The English place-names Society" established over 90 years ago. The American place-names society, The German place names society are contemporary in this field. There are over 80 volumes on place names covering of various regions of the above countries; many more countries also have made phenomenal progress in this field. Coming to India there are scholars like Alexandar Cunningham, B.C. Law, Nandolal Dey, H.D. Sankalia, D.C. Sircar, S.J. Mangalam who have done work in the foregoing subject. H.D. Sankalia¹ and S.J. Mangalam² were first scholars who worked on place-names mentioned in the inscriptions. Later on many more scholars like R.C. Hiremath, Sumati Muley, Malati Mahajan³, S.K. Chatterji, A.K. Chaudhury, B.D. Chattopadhyaya, S.S. Ramachandra Murthy⁴, K.V. Ramesh, M.D. Sampath, M.S. Pandey and others have traced the different cultural aspects of Bengal, Assam, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Maharastra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat. Like foreign countries in India many place-names institution have been established like "Place-names society of Gujarat" at Baroda, "Place-names society of India" at Mysore, etc.



In Odisha context scholars like Malati Mahajan has written "Orissa from place-names in Inscription" (260 B.C. to 1200 A.D.). In the above book she tried to trace the special features of ancient Odisha- its toponymy, flora, fauna, nature of settlement, administrative geography, characteristics features, social, economy and religious aspects etc. After reading the works of Malati Mahajan I felt inspired to do my research for Ph.D on "inscriptional place-names of Orissa (A.D. 736-1568). The thesis has been submitted in Sambalpur University for award of degree. It is also a unique work in the field of foregoing subject. I have analysed all inscriptional place-names found during period mentioned. Further, all place-names have been interpreted by classifying in different group like flora, Fauna, geographical and physical feature, social, economy and religion place-name.

In Odisha and Bargarh District so far no attempt has been made by scholars to make an exclusive study of place-names of a particular district, region or state of Odisha. In the present work, sincere attempts have been made to analyze the place names of Bargarh district which are mentioned in the District Census Hand Books. The place-names are divided on the basis of suffixes and prefixes. The prefixes place-names have been classified in different groups like flora, fauna, social, economy, geographical and physical features and religions. An effort has been made to interpret all the prefixes place-names with the help of Purna Chandra Odia Bhasakosa⁵ Sanskrit English Dictionary⁶, Amarakosha⁷ and Sambalpuri Odia Shabdakosa⁸. Despite the utmost care taken to have a proper interpretation of the place-names some, odd names have remained un-interpreted, which are mentioned in the paper as un-interpreted place-names.

Bargarh District

Bargarh was made a separate district on 1st April 1993 out of Sambalpur district. Bargarh district lies on the Western most corner of Odisha between 20 degree 43 to 21 degree 41 north latitude and 82 degree 39 to 83 degree 58' east longitude. The district is surrounded by Chhatisgarh State on the north, Sambalpur District on the east, Balangir and Sambalpur on the South and Nuapada District on the West. There are two sub divisions viz. Bargarh and Padampur and twelve (12) Tahasil viz. Attabira, Bargarh, Barpali, Bhatli, Bheden, Padampur, Paikmal, Sohella, Bijepur and Gaisilet. Further the District consist of twelve (12) C.D. Block name Ambabhona, Attabira, Bargarh, Barpali, Bhatli, Bheden, Bijepur, Gaisilet, Jharbandh, Padampur, Paikmal and Sohella. There are 248 Grampanchayat and 1208 Revenue villages in the District. These one thousand two hundred eight villages (1208) or place-names mentioned in the District Census Book⁹ are our main subject to discuss and analyze in the present chapter.

The place-names normally consist of two units, prefixes and suffixes. The prefix stands for the proper name of the place or we can say stem portion of the place-names which denote origin of the place names as well as Physical features, fauna, flora, person and titles names are found as the basis of stem portion of the place names. While the suffixes merely indicate only the types of settlement therefore I have not classified the suffixes place-names but the prefixes place-names are classified into various groups.

It may be mentioned that a detailed classification of the place-names would help us in understanding their origin and cultural significance to a great extent. However, before making such a venture, it is imperative to bear in mind the fact that the classification of the place-names and their explanation are not an easy as they appear to be on a superficial look. The more we probe into the subject, more often than not, we are confronted with numerous problem. According to H.D. Sankalia classification of names according to their name contents is indeed difficult task due to various reasons. So the interpretations suggested here are to be understood as provisional, and not final. They need further corroboration from other sources, but particularly from a firsthand knowledge of the place itself¹⁰.

Further I would like to notice that, there are fifty two (52) place-names in Bargarh district which are more than one time in different C.D. Block, that types of place-names have been count once for our study. Therefore the total study of place-names reduces to 1156 out of 1208. Lastly I turn to analyze and interpret the place-names by classifying in different groups viz.

1. Place-names denoting flora.
2. Place-names denoting fauna.
3. Place-names denoting geographical and Physical feature.
4. Place-names denoting society
5. Place-names denoting Religion.
6. Place-names denoting economics.
7. Un-interpreted place-names.



1) Place names denoting flora

There are quite a good number of place names denoting the various kinds of trees, plants, flowers, vegetable, grains, part of forest, pulses etc., the approximate number being about 371. This group place names can be divided into following sub groups

- Places named after tree and plants the names of which are specifically mentioned for example – Adgaon (named after Ada (ginger)) and Ambasodha (named after mango tree)
- Places named after flower the names of which are specified. For example Kusumdhhi, Kusanpali etc.
- Places named after vegetable, for example Karlajori named after (Karla) bitter gourd.
- Places named after grains, pulses, for examples Darlipali (Dali), Kudopali etc.
- Places named after part of forest, like, Jharbandha, Jharbahal etc.

Following is a list of Place names after flora

Attabira C.D. Block: Amastala, Amjhar, Amlipali, Attabira, Banhar, Forestvillage, Gambharipali, Haldi, Hirllipali, Khirapali, Lachida, Pithaputal, Kalangapali, Kandpali, Kantal, Katabaga, Kharmunda, Rengali, Rengalpali, Sorna, Mahakhand, Saranda, Lachida, Jangod, Bugbuga, Rujainmal, Dalabi.

Ambabhona C.D. Block: Ambabhona, Arjunda, Banjipali, Bungapali, Jampali, Jarimuli, Jharpali, Kandapala, Kapa, Karla, Kendujharen, Khairpali, Kusumdhhi, Kusumuda, Rengalipali, Salepali, Tamdei, Launsara, Lakhampur, Kalmi, Khantala, Khijupali, Kurumkel, Darlipali.

Bargarh C.D. Block: Adgaon, Ambasodha, Bardol, Bargaon, Bausenpali, Birmal, Dumerpali, Haldipali, Jamurda, Kendpali, Nuniajampali, Talsirgida, Tentila, Katapali, Kurla, Launsara, Pipilipali, Sahajbahal, Salepali, Dhanger, Soyaon, Sarsara, Banbaspali, Bandanbahal, Gudesira, Bargarh.

Barpali C.D. Block: Ainlapali, Ambapatra, Banjipali, Charmunda, Haldipali, Kadalimunda, Katapali, Khairpali, Mhulpali, Phulapali, Talaimala, Tetelpali, Retamunda, Puturupali, Kusanpuri, Kainsir, Kadalipali, Burkel, Tulandi, Sujia, Sikirdi, Tejnga, Latakera, Kead, Barlabahala, Barpali, Patrapali, Barguda, Baramkela.

Bhatli C.D. Block: Badamlipali, Banjipali, Bhatli, Haldipali, Jada, Jadamunda, Jampali, Jharmunda, Kahenmunda, Kanakbira, Karlajoir, Karlakhei, Kendugudia, Khajuria, Khamora, Kulutapali, Mahulpali, Narangpura, Raisobha, Tala, Talpali, Gudgaon, Kuisira, Latipali, Jejagola, San Amlipali, Kelendapali.

Bijepur C.D. Block: Arda, Banjidungri, Barkani, Barmunda, Baunsapola, Buromal, Charpali, Jampali, Kurlamunda, Laumunda, Mahulpali, Phulerpali, Putuka, Putkigrinjel, Rengalipali, Rengalpatra, Sargipali, Talpadar, Pipilipali, Mundomahul, Kharmunda, Katapali, Kandhra, Kandadihi, Saledamki, Masanabahal, Aimal Ailamal.

Bheden C.D. Block: Ainlapali, Amlipali, Arjunda, Banjhipali, Bargaon, Barpadar, Bhangkud, Dalab, Garbhana, Jampali, Jharapali, Kadalipali, Katapali, Kudopali, Mahulpali, Pipilipali, Pottal gaon, Talmenda, Limchhod, Kusanpali, Pakeldara, Resam, Salehepali, Odgaon, Jandol.

Gaisilet C.D. Block: Ainlabahal, Ainlabhata, Amalipali, Badsahajbahala, Bhangamunda, Bheluapadar, Burochhapur, Buromunda, Jammal, Jamutbahal, Jamutpali, Kamalpadar, Kandhamunda, Kantajhura, Katabahal, Kendumala, Jamutpali, Raisalpadar, Sargipali, Semelguda, Talpali, Jadaganjia, Kamalpadar, Kermeli, Kundakhei, Patrapali, Rengalpali, Jhimbahal, Jharbahal, Salhepali, Kurlubaha, Kalangapali, Jagalpat, Kujamunda, Sansahajbahal.

Jharbandh C.D. Block: Amthi, Jampali, mahulpali, Dhaneswar, Dudukidadar, Putukidunguri, Khirapali, Kandadangari, Sargul, Palsada, Niljipatra, Laudidarha, Iskinda, Chiroli, Bijadhoi, Putuka.

Paikmal C.D. Block: Mahulpali, Palsani, Banmal, Bheruamunda, Dumberbalai, Jamseth, Jharbandha, Jharmunda, Khaira, Mahulpali, Saraikela, Mandhia dhupa, Nilathar, Palsada, Patrapali, Bijadhihi, Pipalkhunta, Pipalpali, Darlipali, Palsani, Dengalikendu, Dudkijharia, Katangpali, Kenabudh, Kerlamal, Kermelabahal, Khandsibhanji, Makhanamunda, Mandia, Mandosil, Rasmunda, Salhefuli, Temri, Temrimal, Kansada, Malda, Ghesara, Laudmal, Jhungnadihi.

Rajbodasambar C.D. Block: Amunda, Arjunnagara, Bheuria, Charpali, Charpeli, Gambharidihi, Jamala, Jamkhar, Kadalimunda, Kansar, Kendubhata, Kendumunda, Khairpali, Kudopali, Mohanpali, Mahulpali, Patrapali, Sargibahal, Sorgijori, Ambahal, Amdahan, Beheratal, Bheluakhol, Bheluapadar, Bijamal, Birhipali, Jamartala, Mundomahula, Phulmatipur, Sahajpani, Sargipali, Tentelkhunti, Ambamunda, Belmunda, Chanamal, Jhungapali, Palsapali, Tal, Telmahul, Matiamahul, Dubalbahal, Garbhanakhol, Darliguda, Burkel, Amarkhol, Bajenmunda, Banjujhula, Salebahali, Sargijori, Khujiani, Barbhata, Dhumaberna, Gailguda, Bupra.



Sohela C.D. Block: Barpadar, Bijapali, Dhanupadar, Dumerpali, Jampali, Katapali, Ainlapali, Arjunda, Banabira, Banjari, Baunsenmura, Birhipali, Dumerpali, Haldipali, Jamchhapar, Jampali, Jhar, Jharai, Jharmunda, Ainlapali, Karalmal, Kudapali, Kudopali, Pipalkhunta, Pipilipali, Rengali, Sahajbahal, Ghess, Salepali, Arjunda, Birjam, Jhagadihal, Karandola, Kendbahal, Kendmundi, Kermeli, Khairapali, Kusurda, Tambimunda, Tandol, Kelenda, Pastamunda.

2) Place names denoting Fauna

There are so many places reflected in District Census Hand Book which representing Fauna category. There are 153 number of place-names named after tiger, the deer, jackal, bear, cow, buffalo, snake, crocodile, pigeon, peacock, fishes.

Following is the list of the Fauna place-names reflected in the various C.D. Block.

Attabira C.D. Block: Podhbadi, Singhpali, Naghapali, Lahanda, Kumelsingha, Gurukhapali, Baragad, Dhemsra, Paramanpur.

Ambabhona C.D. Block: Baigapali, Bara, Bhalutal, Bichhana, Bilaigarh, **Dechuan**, Kuturapali, Mendhapali, Sankhuliana, Telaimal, Mahapali, Hatikhuja, Kubho, Udhepali, Beniapali, Bhainatora, Chicholi, Dekhulia, Paruabhadi.

Bargarh C.D. Block: Barhaguda, Gaisama, Goisar, Gondapali, Podmunda, Ulba, Dhamanamunda, Bagaibira, Bagadia, Bagdia, Bagaibira.

Barpali C.D. Block: Mahada, Bagbadi, Lenda.

Bhatli C.D. Block: Baulsingha, Chadeigaon, Bichhuan, Chadeigaon, Gopalpur, Halanda, Hatisar, Khirat, Mahada, Mendhapali, Samardarha, Sukuda, Kharsal, Halupali, Pandkipali, Choregendola, Udhepali.

Bijepur C.D. Block: Balanda, Bandupali, Bhalubahala, Bhalupali, Bilaipali, Gandapali, Karle, Tilaimal.

Bheden C.D. Block: Bhalupali, Mahule, Sarasapali, Sialkhandhata, Chhalakulunda, Chichinda, Lupursingha, Mehena, Pandikipali, Singhempali, Tihikipali, Udepur, Khagsipali, Pudapali.

Gaisilet C.D. Block: Gaisilet, Maharpali, Tenganapali, Melchhamunda, Barhiapali, Jankeda, Gidhamal, Ghadighadimal, Chantipali, Barihapukhapani, Banchhanagar, Sandhibahal.

Jharbandh C.D. Block: Bhaisadarha, Gothuguda, Goudmal, Khirapali, Sikaripali, Kusamdarha, Tileaidadar, Mahagaon, Kukuripali.

Paikmal C.D. Block: Gundichadiha, Barapalia, Borasambar, Chheliamal, Ganjadabar, Goibahali, Goranda, Kuapali, Nagdiha, Saptahar, Bhengurujpur, Jhitiki, Kechhodadar, Khursapali, Kaknara, Menkamunda, Paraskhandi, Kharamal, Kuturamal.

Rajbodasambar C.D. Block: Banupali, Bhalukuna, Chitakhola, Ganjaura, Kansingha, Kudasingha, Nagenmal, Sampia, Sarasmal, Singhampur, Singhimunda, Bandupali, Baradapali, Bhaludunguri, Bukajhula, Kukurimunda, Melchhamunda, Samaripali, pandripali, Pudherkhar, Murahapali.

Sohela C.D. Block: Kuamania, Tileimal, machimura, Pandkipali, Bandenbahala, Chichinda, Chitakhai, Kasipali, Nagaon, Nagimunda, Pandkipali.

3) Place names denoting geographical and physical features

There are 215 number of place-names have been reveals geographical and physical features. The place-names of this category probably named after, mountain, hills, mound, rocky, river, water stream, pond, various types of land location, size etc. The place-names can be divided in to following sub-group:

- Place-names after mountain, hills, mounds, rocky, surrounding. For example Dunguripali, Patharla.
- Place-names after different types of water, river, lakes, stream, pond for example, Khandiajharan, Panimora.
- Place-names represent all types of land for example, Khaliapali, Chakabahala.
- Place-names indicating different types of location viz. Debrigada.
- Place-names indicating size of places e.g. Chhatagoan.

The following is the list of the physical and geographical place-names found in different block of Bargarh.

Attabira C.D. Block: Pharsirgida, Jhiliminda, Kadobahal, Khaliapali, Khandgali, Lambipali, Larambha, Nauapara, Nuabatimunda, Silat, Tangarpali, Janhapada, Suktapali, Sodhapali, Kutapali, Junani, Gadgdal, Dulampur, Ghanghati, Kulunda, Juigaon.

Ambabhona C.D. Block: Antaradi, Badharha, Baddaripali, Badmal, Badsaraipali, Chakramal, Debrigarh, Dungipali, Dungri, Junani, Khaliabahal, Khola, Narangpur, Ruchida, Samapali.



Bargarh C.D. Block: Patharla, Nuapali, Khadhata, Khaliapali, Kalapani, Baljoir, Tora, Rungunia, Khuntapali, Dang, Chakerkend, Turunga.

Barpali C.D. Block: Tinkani, Grindola, Badgaon, Dhirpur, Kanbar, Remta, Barangpali, Gargaddala, Thura khanda, Chikinipali, Jhulpiapali, Jhulat, Jhulopali.

Bhatli C.D. Block: Badapali, Bisalipali, Badmal, Badtunda, Khaliapali, Murumkel, Nuagarh, Tarakana, Nalichuan, Tukurla.

Bijepur C.D. Block: Badbrahmani, Badbaunsen, Jalpali, Jaring, Jhalpali, Jhirlipali, Khaliapali, Khanda, Naupali, Pada, Patharla, Rangamatia, Sanbaunsen, Tangurupadar, Tenggara, Surubali, Khuntapali, Kanpuri, Kurkuta, Lendhar.

Bheden C.D. Block: Balikulunda, Dunguripali, Luhakhandi, Tangarpali, Badpipilipali, Budelbahala, Burda, Despatharla, Kutapali, Sankirda.

Gaisilet C.D. Block: Dangbahal, Dunguripali, Jadamunda, Khandagad, Khuntapali, Kuliari, Malamunda, Nuapali, Khalabahala, Nuapali, Lebdi, Kanadol, Dhaurakhman, Dangarmunda, Chhindrapali.

Jharbandh C.D. Block: Adhapani, Anadibahal, Dunguri-chadha, Dunguripali, Naupara, Sakhadunguri, Dhaurabhata, Jajadalpur, Ghuchapali, Gadinala, Turia, Nalipani, Sundadar, Kasipani, Jaesira, Dabha, Dabpali, Chhotkunjan, Bandamunda, Badanki, Angul.

Paikmal C.D. Block: Barpali, Chhatgaon, Dunguripali, Gadgaon, Jalgarh, Khaliamunda, Nuagaon, Purana, Badikata, Lahandipur, Bukramunda, Kulanti, Badibahal, Kadogucha, Khaliamunda, Khandijharan, Malpada, Pathrel, Sukhatal.

Rajbodasambar C.D. Block: Dunguripali, Nuapali, Pathari, Purana, Antarala, Badimal, Batipathar, Budamal, Budin, Khaliapal, Luhakhan, Nuapali, Silatpali, Daksinnuapali, Khaliamunda, Dhaulibahal, Bhitarkhol, Dangaghata, Ghuchapali, Khuntapali, Lambarjuna, Dhauramunda, Dangachhancha, Chakamakjori, Bagaijori, Gadbhati, Pandripani, Khuntbandha, Guthurla.

Sohela C.D. Block: Balipata, Badmal, Bandhapali, Dangerkermeli, Nuapali, Tanagerpadar, Budamal, Dhurabahal, Kanapali, Kangaon, Panimora, Samakata, Sidhra, Batterma, Bahalbahal, Bandala, Chakabahal, Chiptibahal, Damkipuli, Dhaurakhand, Khaliapali, Lambrupali, Lebdi, Grinjal, Tungibanbandali.

4) Place names denoting Ethnographical or social features

There are 234 place-names recorded in the District Census Book represent the Ethnographical aspect. Further, for the sake of study, I have incorporated some other feature place-names in the forgoing category. The present group place-names may be named after various castes, profession, Tribes, Races, food, sentiment, aesthetic, superstition, auspicious occasion, bad occasion, custom, and event and place name after person.

List of places of this category found in the different block.

Attabira C.D. Block: Bhoipali, Bhoipura, Brahman, Kultatikira, Manapura, Jhankabahal, Chakuli, Birkhakata, Chuldhar, Bebebira, Lastala, Godabhaga.

Ambabhona C.D. Block: Behera, Beherapali, Budhipali, Gourpali, Ichhapur, Jagatipali, Jhagadabehera, Santhara, Sandarlipali, Loharabehera, Dulhapali, Kasipali, Mundkati, Mundabahal, Sauntamal, Bhukta, Birjupali, Babebira, Chikhili, Naktichhapur, Duari.

Bargarh C.D. Block: Padhanpali, Behera, Telenpali, Jhakaripali, Sauntapura, Dhaurakhanda, Bonda.

Barpali C.D. Block: Satalma, Saradhapali, Pradhanpali, Munupali, Kumbhari, Jumabrahamani, Agalpur, Ainthapali, Babupali, Bijenagar, Bisipali, Dalaipali, Dalpatpali, Dhangerpali, Dhubapali, Khemesara, Amanunda, Bahiapadar.

Bhatli C.D. Block: Behenpali, Dupalpali, Kasipali, Bajentora, Jagatipali, Jaypur, Jhankeripali, Kamgaon, Kushanpuri, Routpara, Hadashankari, Sardhapali, Sirabahal, Sirapali, Kandheipali, Kesaipali, Pandiritarei.

Bijepur C.D. Block: Bhoipali, Bijepur, Brahmanipali, Deheripali, Jhankara Sirgida, Keutipali, Luhurapali, Manoharpali, Pradhanmal, Srigida, Teligandapali, Ranimal, Majhipali, Litipali, Jhankarsigida, Kalangapali, Bhatipadar, Khapreinuapali, Bhatibahali, Kesaipali, Bhatigaon.

Bheden C.D. Block: Bhoipali, Brahmanturum, Dhubenpali, Gurupali, Manpur, Nidhanpali, Padhanpali, Rupapali, Apamara, Banipali, Basekela, Deskumbhari, Gandturum, Ganthiapali, Ghichapali, Ichhapadar, Ichhapura, Keshripali, Sarsapali, Thuapali, Guduramunda, Bheden, Hiromunda, Desbhatli.



Gaisilet C.D. Block: Boidpali, Brahamunda, Beheramunda, Bhoipali, Brahmanmal, Gandapali, Jhankarmunda, Jogimatha, Mundapali, Beherabahal, Jhankarpali, Chikhili, Guderpali, Bhundubahal, Telipukhapaoi, Sauntakhanda, Natabarapur, Gourenmunda, Babebahal, Phiringimal.

Jharbandh C.D. Block: Behera duburi, Bhandarijori, Bhandaripuri, Bilaspur, Diwanpali, Laharsing, Sukumaripur, Rajendrapur, Kurmir, Kapati, Birbikramadityapur, Baitali, Nityanandapur, Saransil, Chikhilipadar.

Paikmal C.D. Block: Loharakot, Gandapali, Pujharipali, Brahmandihi, Brahmantal, Gandapali, Marjadapali, Dhumabhata, Sahupada, Bartunda, Dandpal, Danduapali, Dhenkimunda, Jogendranathpur, Maharanimeripur, Majhipali, Manabhanga, Manmathpali, Paikamal, Ranjitpur, Sadandapur.

Rajbodasambar C.D. Block: Boidpali, Binjhapali, Barihapali, Bisipali, Budhapali, Fatamunda, Gourpali, Jhankarpali, Kabibarapur, Loharpali, Satibhata, Brahmamdihi, Joyapur, Keutenbahal, Narendrapur, Ghyam, Bhudhimal, Raibahadurpur, Kantheswarapura, Diwandihhi, Ichhapali, Gazendarpur, Bisipali, Khatua, Darbekela.

Sohela C.D. Block: Brahmani pathar, Beherapali, Barihapali, Bhatbida, Bisipali, Brahamanidihi, Gandapali, Ichhapali, Jhankarpali, Muchhabhal, Padhnpali, Sadhupali, Sardhapali, Srigida, Bandaipali, Chuhanpali, Ghumunipali, Kalangapali, Kuchipali, Baipali, Garbhana, Jatla, Jitapali, Maraikel, Damapali, Duanpali, Birjupali, Petupali.

5. Place names denoting Religion

The above groups' places of Bargarh District are named after vedic God, Saivite, Vaishnavite, Buddist, God and Goddess, Philosophical, Sacrificial, religious institution, Epic heroes, Local deities and auspicious custom. There are 72 numbers of place-names relating to religion.

List of villages of this category reflected in the different block.

Attabira C.D. Block: Runipali.

Ambabhona C.D. Block: Gobindpur, Ramkhol, Rampel, Bhuthuli.

Bargarh C.D. Block: Nileswar, Deogaon, Chandipali, Sarla, Kuruan.

Barpali C.D. Block: Rabanguda, Raksa, Gobindpur, Gopaipali.

Bhatli C.D. Block: Deulbunda, Gourpali, Nilji, Rushipali, Runipali, Sulsulia.

Bijepur C.D. Block: Gudimunda, Purna, Sadhupali, Saipali, Samalaipadar, Pahandi, Manikchaura, Karnapa.

Bheden C.D. Block: Bhakti, Bhutapali, Bhutiod, Jogipali, Papanga, Areigudi, Kubedega, Rusuda, Risamunda.

Gaisilet C.D. Block: Kathaumal, Nathapali, Sardhapali, Umarad, Purnananpur, Jugibandhali, Bhutibahala, Magha.

Jharbandh C.D. Block: Sakti, Kurma, Tumurpani, Saidihi.

Paikmal C.D. Block: Sambalpur, Bhagatpur, Bhubaneswar, Bhutmunda, Durgapali, Haridatal, Chandrapali, Bahabalmath, Kapilaspur, Khudhrenpali, Baitalbhata.

Rajbodasambar C.D. Block: Deoli, Gobindapur, Judhistirapur, Chndrapur, Chakakhalia, Ramedega, Selegudi, Sulia.

Sohela C.D. Block: Sanimal, Gobindapur, Mangalpali, Sarkanda.

5) Place names denoting Economy

In view of availability of place-names I have included some different types of place names in the present groups. The places of these groups famous for commercial centre, named after number, named denoting famous cities, named represent different industries.

The list of place names of these groups occurs in different C.D. Block.

Attabira C.D. Block: Tope, Tupapora, Naikenpali, Sindhurbahal, Ladaripali, Tampursara.

Ambabhona C.D. Block: Chandipali, Ludupali, Sansareipali, Lether.

Bargarh C.D. Block: NIL.

Barpali C.D. Block: Bandhapali, Bandhamunda, Bhatigaon, Badipali, Raksa, Patkulunda, Pataipali.

Bhatli C.D. Block: Bhojpuri, Kamgaon, Mulbar.

Bijepur C.D. Block: Ailpur, Baraguda, Satbandha, Masanabahal.



Bheden C.D. Block: Suna-larambha, Hatgaon, Khuapali, Remunda, Kamgaon.

Gaisilet C.D. Block: Kudla, Changaria.

Jharbandh C.D. Block: Chandibhata, Chandramanipur, Chhotanki, Manipur, Tampar.

Paikmal C.D. Block: Hirapur, Lakhmara, Mithapali, Motipali, Sodha, Kuradhi phasa.

Rajbodasambar C.D. Block: Dahigaom, Dahita, Chandipali, Dholbandha, Panchbhaya, Tendapadar.

Sohela C.D. Block: Hirapali, Turimunda, Badipali, Chumanpali, Barapali, Bindhanpali, Chhuriapali, Sohela, Tahada, Sukalterma.

6) Un-interpreted Place-names

There are about 53 place-names whose meanings are not known to us. As I have mentioned earlier that, despite the utmost care taken to explain or interpret the place-names some odd names have been remained un-interpreted. Their meaning is also not found in the Amarakosha, Purnachandra Bhasakosha, Sanskrit English Dictionary and Sambalpuri Odia Shabdakosa. For this it need more research work.

Following is the list of places block wise belonging to this category

Attabira C.D. Block: Kuketira, Larasara.

Ambabhona C.D. Block: Barngakote, Bugbugi, Chal, Gengei, Kumchoan

Bargarh C.D. Block: Tumgaon.

Barpali C.D. Block: Nil.

Bhatli C.D. Block: Dabalong, Danbirti, Jhikjhiki, Temra, Urduna.

Bijepur C.D. Block: Nil.

Bheden C.D. Block: Baepur, Dekulba, Desbhatli, Dhatakpali, Galima, Luisira, Rijhaipali, Salna.

Gaisilet C.D. Block: Teari, Turcha, Sankripani, Marghati, Maidhanumunda, Karhimunda, Jubakhhol, Halankanasi, Grindolemal.

Jharbandh C.D. Block: Ureidadar, Sankri, Lergaen, Krafadganj, Kotena, Jodhour, Bolangir, Badakunjari.

Paikmal C.D. Block: Lehengir, Sukulipahar, Bhuikhar, Butarakhamar, Cherangajhang, Bamrit, Lergaon, Mundhela, Munelkel.

Rajbodasambar C.D. Block: Khemedkhar, Kumunibahal, Phirunpani, Bankikhaman, Bentkarpur.

Sohela C.D. Block: Khapanpali, Maliakhaman.

The place-names suffixes

As I have mentioned earlier that the place-names consist of two units, prefix and suffix. The prefix stands for the proper names of the place while the suffix stand for the type of settlement. Out of 1208 place-names of Bargarh District I have taken up 1156 for study in the present work. Among the 1156 place-names, there are about 606 place-names which do not have of any suffix and rest 550 have different 29 types of suffixes viz. pali, munda, para, bahala, mala, khanda, gada, tala, darha, jori, kera, tikira, sara, badi, chhapar, gali, baga, sodha, bira, singhra, silat, phasa, dhapa, bandha, nagara, ghata, dihi, mura, pata.

Of the above suffixes pali occur about 334 times, suffix munda about 62 time, and suffix pura about 56, suffix mala about 37 time, suffix bahala 34 time, suffix khanda 19 times, suffix darha 09 time, suffix gada 09 time, suffix jori 07 time, suffix sara 06 time, suffix kera 04 time, suffix tala 08 time. The suffixes tikira, badi, chhapar, dihi appeared each twice and suffixes baga, gali, bira, sodha, singra, silat, phasa, dhapa, bandha, nagara, ghata, mura and pata reflected each once in the place-names of Bargarh District.

It is a point of great significance that all above suffixes denote about the settlement except the suffixes phasa, bira, silat, sodha, and chhapar. The suffix phasa denote cutting.

The suffix bira denote about Hero, silat denote about stone, sodha indicate food and chhapar indicate about hute.



From the foregoing study it is seen that out of 1156 place-names 371 are base on flora, 153 on Fauna, 215 denote geographical and physical features, 234 indicate on society, 72 related to religion, 59 reveal Economics, and rest 54 place-names meaning is not clear. The above mentioned numbers of place names speak of details classification of place-names of Bargarh District. It can be observed that a detail analysis of place names of Bargarh District would help us in understanding its origin and cultural significance to a great extent. Further it also reveals topographical features, social composition, religion belief, language, custom, manner of the Bargarh District.

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