

Tribes, Nomads and Settled Communities

Exercises

Short answer questions:

1. Who are tribal people?
2. When did the Ahom kingdom reach its zenith?
3. Who are nomadic tribes?
4. What was the *paik* system?
5. What was Garha Katanga?

Solutions

Short-answer questions:

1. Tribals are the original inhabitants or remotely settled adivasis. Tribal societies spread over a large area and play an important role in the study of our past.
2. The Ahom kingdom reached its zenith under the rule of Rudra Singh.
3. Nomadic tribes are a group of people who travel from place to place for livelihood. They move according to seasonal changes along with their animals. Their main occupation ' is herding cattle and sheep. They exchange animal products for the things they require. There were many nomadic tribes in India. Some of them are Jats, Gaddis, Banjaras and Gujjars.
4. In the Ahom kingdom, there was a system of forced labour called the Paik system. Every subject was a Paik and had to render services to the king when required.
5. The Gondwana kingdom has been mentioned in the Akbarnama as Garha Katanga. It consisted of 70,000 villages.