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essence of success!!!"**

-AbdualKalam

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RESEARCH PERSPECTIVES IN TRIBAL STUDIES

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ABSTRACT

Tribal studies is a multidisciplinary field that focuses on understanding the social, cultural, economic, political, and ecological aspects of indigenous and tribal communities. Over the years, research in this field has undergone a significant transformation, moving away from colonial-era ethnographic descriptions toward participatory, rights-based, and development focused approaches. This paper examines the evolving research perspectives in tribal studies by outlining classical, contemporary, and emerging methodologies. It analyzes key thematic areas including identity, development, governance, gender, health, education, and indigenous ecological knowledge. In addition, the paper highlights ethical concerns, methodological constraints, and the growing demand for inclusive and decolonized research frameworks. It also proposes future directions for tribal studies research in light of globalization, climate change, digitalization, and policy-oriented interventions.

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