

LISTENING TO THE VOICES OF SILENCE; THE CONCERNS FOR WIDOW REMARRIAGE IN COLONIAL ASSAM

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ABSTRACT

The paper tries to argue the case of widow remarriage, in colonial Assam. Like in the other parts of the country, it was one of the most contentious issues, where new western ideas and the traditional ideas came into direct confrontation. In this contest, there were no victories but compromises, where traditions in contrast with the forces of modernity had the upper hand. But, when the question of legalising particular social practices as unlawful, it did create several problems for the common people.

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