

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-57033

Title: Indigenous Knowledge of Salt-making among the Nocte: Integrating Local Economies, Lores, and Cultural Narratives

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality			✓	
Clarity			✓	
Significance		✓		

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

1. Overall Evaluation

The manuscript titled “Indigenous Knowledge of Salt-making among the Nocte: Integrating Local Economies, Lores, and Cultural Narratives” presents an insightful exploration of the traditional salt-making practices of the Nocte tribe in Arunachal Pradesh. The study successfully combines historical, cultural, economic, and ethnographic perspectives to highlight the importance of salt springs in shaping the livelihood and belief systems of the community. The topic is relevant, unique, and culturally significant, especially in the context of preserving indigenous knowledge systems. The paper is descriptive in nature and provides rich qualitative insights. However, it lacks strong methodological clarity and analytical depth expected in a research article.

Overall, the manuscript is informative and valuable, but requires moderate revision before publication.

2. Strengths of the Study

2.1 Originality and Relevance - The study focuses on a less-explored indigenous community (Nocte tribe) and their traditional knowledge. It contributes to the field of cultural studies, anthropology, and indigenous knowledge systems. The integration of history, folklore, and economic practices is commendable.

2.2 Rich Descriptive Content - The paper provides detailed explanations of: Salt extraction methods, Construction of salt wells, Cultural practices and rituals. Inclusion of folk tales and songs enhances cultural depth and authenticity.

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2.3 Interdisciplinary Approach - Combines history, economics, sociology, and environmental knowledge. Highlights the link between natural resources and socio-cultural life.

2.4 Documentation of Indigenous Practices - Important effort in documenting vanishing traditional practices. Useful for future researchers and policymakers interested in heritage preservation.

3. Areas for Improvement

3.1 Lack of Clear Research Methodology - The paper does not clearly explain: Research design, Data collection methods, Sampling techniques. Although interviews are mentioned, details are insufficient.

Include a separate methodology section explaining: Type of study (qualitative/ethnographic), Data sources (primary/secondary), Tools used (interviews, observation, etc.).

3.2 Limited Analytical Depth - The study is mostly descriptive rather than analytical. There is minimal critical discussion or theoretical framework.

Add analysis using relevant theories (e.g., indigenous knowledge systems, sustainability, cultural ecology). Compare findings with similar studies.

3.3 Language and Grammar Issues - The manuscript contains: Grammatical errors, Repetitions, Awkward sentence structures

Thorough proofreading and language editing required. Improve clarity and academic tone.

3.4 Organization and Structure - Some sections are lengthy and loosely structured. Flow between sections can be improved.

Use clear subheadings. Maintain logical flow (Introduction → Methodology → Results → Discussion → Conclusion).

3.5 Referencing and Citation - Limited number of references. Lack of recent and scholarly sources. Citation style is inconsistent.

Include more recent academic references. Follow a standard citation style (APA/MLA/Chicago) consistently.

3.6 Lack of Visual/Data Support - Although images are mentioned, they are not properly integrated or labeled. No tables, charts, or maps.

Add: Maps of salt spring locations, Diagrams of salt extraction process, Properly labeled figures

3.7 Weak Conclusion - The conclusion is more descriptive than analytical. Lacks strong research implications.

Strengthen conclusion by including: Key findings, Practical implications, Scope for future research.