

P R E F A C E

Bidi Industry is one of the most unorganised agro-industries which occupies an important place in National economy of the country today. It provides employment to not less than 50 lakhs of people, most of whom are women workers. It is an important source of employment to the lower-middle-class women largely coming from economically affected. The present study, thus aims at studying the social background, economic condition housing conditions and their standard of living by selecting some bidi centres of Nipani.

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