

The Impact of Black Magic : An Economic Analysis in Tamil Nadu

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Abstract

The people are the most precious resource of a nation. The operation of an economy depends, to a great extent, on the employment of people. Good health is a vital factor for the provision of regular supply of labor as it avoids the disruptions caused by sickness and the resulting absenteeism. Black Magic affects human beings health indirectly both physically and mentally. It creates invisible health problems; this is also one of the reasons to reduce the worker's productivity in their fields. This study explained the Symptoms of black magic and issues faced by the respondents due to black magic. The promotion and protection of the health of the people are essential to sustain economic and social development.

Keywords: Black Magic, symptoms, issues, health, economic development.

Introduction

The people are the most precious resource of a nation. The operation of an economy depends, to a great extent, on the employment of people. Good health is a vital factor for the provision of regular supply of labor as it avoids the disruptions caused by sickness and the resulting absenteeism. Good health not only promotes high morale and labor productivity but also produces a positive environment of economic growth. National Governments all over the world are striving to expand and improve their health care services. People constitute the valuable human resources needed for the development of any country. It is needless to say that the development of the national economy rests on the health, ability and well being of the people. The people's strength is the nation's strength, and the nation's strength is its people's strength. Health is the most basic and primary need of an individual that enables the economy to progress in the socio-economic, scientific, literacy and cultural spheres (Chhapparwal, Mishra and Chaskar, 1999). Black Magic affects people's health indirectly. Hence, this black magic is one of the invisible problems to the development of both the human and economy.

Black Magic

Black Magic is a type of magic that is believed to use evil spirits to do harmful things. It provides full of negative energy to the human being. Black magic is an art that feeds on people's insecurities and leads them through blind faith, to find hope and allegiance with something, that is way beyond their realm of understanding. Black magic is conducive to all negative forces, which become easier to control when practicing these dark arts. Lots of occult practices which delve into black magic, worship or believe in the existence of the devil and it's variants like demons, evil spirits, and dark entities.

Types of Black Magic

Black magic was used for defensive purposes, some for enhancing economic activities like hunting, business and agriculture, and others for healing and health; some are used to increase attractiveness and love life, to acquire influence, and yet others for spiritual cleansing. Kenyatta lists 11 types of magic are as follows:

1. Charms or protective magic
2. Hate or despising magic
3. Love magic
4. Defensive magic
5. Destructive magic or witchcraft
6. Healing magic
7. Enticing and attracting magic
8. Silencing and surprising magic
9. Wealth and agricultural magic
10. Purifying magic
11. Fertilizing magic (¹Bernard, 2014)

Objectives

The objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To know the Socio-Economic Conditions of the sample respondents
2. To identify the symptoms of Black Magic
3. To analyze the impact of black magic on the sample respondents
4. To study the problems faced by the sample respondents due to black magic

Data Source and Methodology

The Researcher was selected 45 sample respondents and asked questions for a meaningful study. The information collected in and around of Coimbatore and Tirupur District of Tamil Nadu. The samples have been selected from the total population, and used stratified disproportionate sampling method. In Coimbatore twenty samples were collected and the remaining 25 samples were collected from Tirupur district. From this, 7 samples were Male and the remaining 38 samples were female. Among them five samples from college students, six samples from Research Scholars, 12 samples from working peoples, seven samples from house wife, 15 samples

from business peoples. The survey was conducted during the period February 2019 to March 2019. The preliminary analysis of data was carried out on the basis of frequency distributions and used percentage analysis. It is a sensitive topic the respondents were informed about the conduction before hand and were asked to come forward without any selection process. It was also confirmed that the information provided by them will be used for study purpose and will be kept confidential in to avoid a negative impact on their lives.

Limitations of the Study

The following are the limitations of the present study

- The present study covers only symptoms and problems faced by the people due to black magic; it does not cover others areas.
- The researcher selects only 45 samples for this study.

Review of Literature

Bernard Gechiko Nyabwari and Dickson Nkonge Kagema (2014) in their article entitled 'The Impact of Magic and Witchcraft in the Social, Economic, Political and Spiritual Life of -African Communities' revealed that Africans believe that witchcraft cause unusual phenomenon like accidents, conflicts, death, domestic and public aggression, loss of poverty, sickness and failure. The mystical powers are controlled by witches who possess powers which stop or influence the aforementioned phenomena. Belief and practice of witchcraft as this paper discusses has negatively impacted the social, economic, political and spiritual development in African. **Happy Baglari (2015)** article explained in the title of 'The Magic Art of Witchcraft and Black Magic' the belief in and the practise of magic has been present since the earliest human cultures and continues to have an important religious and medicinal role in many cultures today. This study investigated about social representation regarding societal beliefs of witchcraft and black magic in North Eastern state of India. The study was conducted with two objectives- (A) what are the social representation of North Eastern youth of India on Witchcraft and Black Magic. (B) How the

¹ Bernard Gechiko Nyabwari and Dickson Nkonge Kagema, International Journal of Humanities Social Sciences and Education (JESSE), pp. 13,2014.

amalgamation of Witchcraft and Black Magic affect the traditional and cultural life of North Eastern India. **Jelena Zivkovic (2017)** their study entitled 'Entrepreneurship and Juju' reveals black magic is widespread in Sub-Saharan Africa especially in Nigeria. Juju can use for both good and bad aspects. Many people were using this Juju(it is like black magic) for their enrichment of business and other purposes.

Socio-Economic Conditions of the Sample Respondents

Table 1 Socio-Economic Conditions of the Sample Respondents

Particulars		Sample Respondents	%
Mother Tongue	Tamil	24	53.3
	Telugu	5	11.1
	Malayalam	3	6.7
	Kannada	13	28.9
Age	21-30	12	26.7
	31-40	15	33.3
	41-50	12	26.7
	51-60	6	13.3
Marital Status	Unmarried	29	64.4
	Married	14	31.2
	Widow	2	4.4
Religion	Hindu	32	71.2
	Christian	8	17.7
	Muslim	5	11.1
Educational Level	Secondary School	2	4.5
	Higher Secondary	15	33.3
	Degree	24	53.3
	Diploma	4	8.9
Monthly Income (in Rs)	Up to 3000	6	13.3
	3001-6000	11	24.4
	6001-9000	24	53.4
	Above 9000	4	8.9
Debt Position	Borrowed	43	95.6
	No Borrowings	2	4.4
Total		45	100

Source: Primary Data

The above table explains, the Socio-Economic conditions of the sample respondents. Majority 53.3 percent of the samples were speaking Tamil Language; maximum respondents were belonged to 31-40 age group category. Out of 45 samples, 29 were unmarried. All the respondents were literate among them majority samples were completed degree. Around 24 respondents monthly income was Rs.6001-9000. Majority of the respondents borrowed money from others for their health expenses.

Symptoms of Black Magic Bad Effects

- Continuous Health Issues. All medical treatments fail.
- Constant worries, Suicidal tendencies, or Desire to move away from home and family
- Continuous health problem to any of the family member.
- Feel tired and weak
- Joint pains, headache and Shoulder pain
- Eating disorders associated with obesity.
- Being short tempered. Sterility, without any physical deficiency or without any medical reason.
- Repeated miscarriages or death of children.
- Sudden unnatural deaths in the family.
- Issues in the construction of new houses, new factory or any other building.
- No desire to live. Feels suffocated. Life seems useless.
- Sudden quarrels between brothers or the members of the family, without any reason.
- Unexpected loss in the business of property.
- Ill health and under development of children.
- Loss of peace due to the fear of enemies and their evil Designs.
- Discord between spouses or the family.
- Greatest efforts always resulting in failure.
- Lack of Government, favours, promotions and the desired raises or transfers.
- Poverty, in spite of hard work.
- Mental disorders - lunacy - foolishness.

Symptoms of the Impact of Black Magic

- Itching at night
- Insomnia, anxiety, panic
- unusually sweating

- Nightmares (can't breathe)
- Sadness (especially if it's prevailing over most of the time)
- The sand in the eyes (itching eyes)
- The sudden energy drop
- Drowsiness when standing and waking up
- Sudden headache
- Waking up between 2:00 and 5:00 am
- Sudden quarrels at home
- Stoppage of monthly periods, irregular periods, painful periods, dark blood for women.

Enchant sandal and kum kum	3	6.6
Total	45	100.0

Source: Primary Data

The above table reveals that forms of black magic. Majority of the respondent opinion was the black magicians used enchant spell. Around eight samples opinion was spread ash in and around of their house or workplace. This involves belief in and or practice of tapping and using this power to harm human beings and their property. Belief here is largely based on fear suspicion, jealousy, ignorance or false accusation. Hair, nails, cloths, or other articles can be used by enemies to produce evil magic. Hair or nails may be burned or otherwise used in a harmful way. When used maliciously, such mystical power is termed black magic, evil magic or sorcery. According to Mbiti (1969: 201) sorcery involves use of poisonous ingredients in the food or drink of the intended victim. Sorcery is clearly antisocial employment of mystical power. Sorcerers are greatly feared and hated. They can send flies, lions, snakes, or other animals to attack enemies or send diseases against them. They can do this by spitting or directing spittle with secret incantations to go and harm someone else. They may even dig up graves to remove human flesh or bone to increase their powers or use them to attack their targets. Others provoke spirits to attack or harm others.

Purpose of Doing Black Magic

Table 2 Purpose of Doing Black Magic

Purpose	Frequency	%
Property	12	26.7
Kill the person	4	8.9
Love	5	11.1
Affaire	4	8.9
Sexual Abuse	2	4.4
Superior Complex	3	6.7
Higher Posting	4	8.9
Business Down (revenge)	8	17.7
Work Control	3	6.7
Total	45	100.0

Source: Primary Data

The people used to black magic for many purposes. A Lot of people were used black magic to get property from their relations. Next, to this category business, people were used maximum to take revenge in the business related persons. It was used for love, affaire and work control purposes. Some people put enchant product into food and in drinks, so it is easy to control the particular persons.

Forms of Black Magic

Table 3 Forms of Black Magic

Forms	Frequency	Percentage
Enchant Spell	15	33.3
Spread Ash	8	17.8
Enchant Herbs	6	13.4
Enchant lemon	7	15.5
Enchant rope	6	13.4

Problems faced by the sample respondents due to Black Magic

Table 4 Problems faced by the sample respondents due to Black Magic

Problems	Frequency	%
Sudden Death	6	13.3
Mental Disorder	3	6.7
Blabbering	2	4.4
Calm and Cannot work continuously	3	6.7
Bleeding for both men and women	4	8.9
Irregular Periods and overflow for women	3	6.8
Vehicle Accidents	6	13.3

Fire Accidents	2	4.4
Marriage Problems	5	11.1
Full Body pain	5	11.1
Money loss with work problem and Case problem	6	13.3
Total	45	100.0

Source: Primary Data

The table 4 explains the problems faced by the samples due to black magic. Maximum of the samples faced sudden death in their family, vehicle accidents and money loss these problems. Next to this category 11.1 percent of the samples faced marriage problems and full body pain problems respectively. Among the samples minimum two samples faced blabbering problem. Hence, this table explains majority of the respondents faced various problem in their life.

Suggestions

The black magic include full of negative energy passed to the human body. To remove this negative energy the people have to use positive energy objects, and frequently visit positive energy places like temple, mosque, and church. The specialists provide charms, amulets, medicines, or other protective articles placed in secluded places in the house or the fields, etc. The protective gear may visible or invisible, secret or open, and is characteristic of all traditional societies to help people secure a feeling of safety, protection, and assurance. Voodoo practitioners are mostly herbalists and wise men who use herbs and barks of trees to cure diseases. People can also utilize of Quranic verses, a sprinkling of holy water, wearing spiritual items on the body, hanging objects like charms are some of the practices that are practiced by most of the businessmen to ward off evil eyes and to bring luck and fortune to the business.

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Conclusion

“Health is Wealth” this proverb not only for human but also for this country. When the peoples are healthy their productivity will be high; it leads to increase in the income of the nation. Black Magic affects the human being both physically and mentally. It creates invisible health problems; this is also one of the reasons to reduce the worker’s productivity in their fields. Better health is central to human happiness and well-being. It also makes an important contribution to economic progress, as healthy populations live longer, are more productive, and save more (WHO). Hence, the promotion and protection of the health of the people are essential to sustain economic and social development.

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