

- iv) The Toda came into contact with South Indian Hinduism. As a result, they have begun to worship Hindu gods and goddesses. But this does not mean that they have any less respect for their traditional rituals, they simply accept and practice both.

Check Your Progress 5

- i) a) False
b) True
c) True
- ii) The Christian missionaries have played an outstanding role in spreading education among the tribals of India. The government is also committed to provide education to these groups.
- iii) Literacy rate among the Scheduled Tribes, according to Census 1991, is 23.63 per cent.
- iv) The high dropout rate among the tribal students can be related to the following factors:
- a) the curriculum is often not relevant to the tribal society,
 - b) low standard of teaching and lack of facilities in tribal schools,
 - c) domestic duties of tribal children,
 - d) absence of encouragement to students from the family to take their studies seriously,
 - e) medium of instruction,
 - f) education is often aimed to raise literacy rather than to promote social mobility.

Check Your Progress 6

- i) The tribal movements in central India were mainly against the exploiters of the tribals.
- ii) The Santal movement of 1855-57 was aimed at reverting to the Santal religion.
- iii) Tribal associations, named here, serve two purposes? a) they try to keep the group united and b) they form an interest group to demand better deal from the government. For the first purpose, they ask their people to preserve the traditional

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