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Through the present study an attempt has been made to study the socio-cultural life of the Kaibarttas of Nalbari district with special reference to fish lore and fishing practices. The Kaibarttas are specified as scheduled caste for Assam by the constitution order 1950[a] part II: Assam. Fishing is supposed to be the main livelihood of the Kaibarttas. Though Assam possesses bounty of fishery resources, the Kaibarttas are not able to be self sufficient in producing the fishes. The Kaibarttas have been carrying the occupation of fishing traditionally generation after generation. Though the Kaibarttas have merged with the greater Assamese society, still they maintain some specific characteristics of their own in day to day life. They have enriched and added varied elements to Assamese literature and culture. They have rich oral tradition of their own. To know a full view of the Assamese oral literature, study of the oral literature of the Kaibarttas associated with fish lore and fishing practices is necessary. In this perspective I have undertaken the present topic '*A Socio-Cultural Study of the Kaibarttas of Nalbari District with Special Reference to Fish Lore and Fishing Practices*' as a part of research work for Ph. D degree.

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