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Abstract

The paper focuses on the study of the *Naag* (snake) deity worship with special reference to the *Jaatra* ritual in Bharderwah Tehsil of Doda district in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The worship of the *Naag* deity is common in this mountainous region from time immemorial and has great religious and spiritual significance for the people. In Bharderwah, the *Jaatra* ritual is performed to propitiate the *Naag* deities prominent among them are *Vasuki Naag*, *Takshat*