

Thakuria

Introduction/History

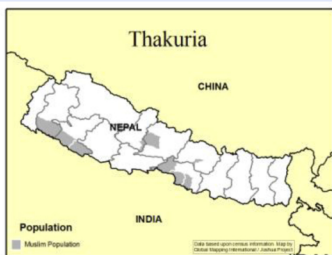
The Thakuria get their name from the Sanskrit term *thakkura* which means “idol or deity”. It is a general honorific title used by nobles. The Thakuria are a smaller community found in districts of south-central Nepal and mainly Bihar, India. It is said among the Thakuria that they are the ancestors of the great emperor Aurangzeb’s army of the 1600s. They claim to be descendents of the Rajput people of Rajasthan.

What is their life like?

The Thakuria have traditionally been landowners and have been known to manage property. They are 100% Muslim and hold to the traditions of the Sunni sect. They speak mainly Nepali in Nepal and Urdu in India. They practice the *chhatti* birth ceremony on the sixth day of the child and *shadi* marriage rituals. They eat meat and wheat is a staple grain for them.

Ministry Need

Pray for the Thakuria people, that their honorific name could be respected one day as warriors for the Lord who created their culture and died for each and everyone one of the less than 4000 Thakuria of Nepal.



Population:

Nepal : 3,500

Total : 13,000

Language: Nepali,

Bhojpuri & Urdu

Believers: 0