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**PROSPECTS OF HANDLOOM INDUSTRY IN RURAL  
LIVELIHOOD: A STUDY OF KIKRUMA VILLAGE,  
NAGALAND**

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**Abstract:** *The traditional practice of handloom is a part of the native people of Nagaland and particularly among the Naga women. In olden times, women were tutored to weave at an early age and as such, they were anticipated to weave for the entire family which is one of the most basic requirements of life. However, gradually over time, this traditional practice is losing significance. Today, only a sprinkle of women especially in the rural areas are in the field of practice but are faced with numerous problems. Due to the lack of skill development and encouragement among the youths, the handloom industry might slowly lose its importance and is also likely to disappear in the future generation. To examine the practice of handloom and to analyze the growth and prospects of the handloom sector in rural development, the present study will be carried out.*

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