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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Please write few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? Minimum 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>This manuscript holds significant importance for the scientific community as it offers a unique perspective on the intersection of traditional myths and development thought among the Murang community in Bangladesh. By highlighting the cultural and socio-economic contexts that shape development interventions, it challenges conventional development paradigms and underscores the necessity of culturally sensitive approaches. The detailed exploration of traditional myths provides valuable insights into indigenous knowledge systems, which are crucial for sustainable development and policy-making. I appreciate this manuscript for its thorough qualitative analysis and its potential to influence future research and development practices by integrating traditional wisdom with modern development goals.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>The current title, "Role of Traditional Myth in Making and Unmaking of Development Thought: A Qualitative Study on The Murang Community in Bangladesh," is quite descriptive but could be more concise and impactful. A more focused title might better capture the essence of the study while being easier to read. Suggested Alternative Title: "Traditional Myths and Development Thought: Insights from the Murang Community in Bangladesh" This title retains the key elements of the original but is more streamlined and directly conveys the core subject of the research.</p>	
<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p>The abstract effectively summarizes the study's aim, methodology, and key findings. However, it could benefit from more concise language and clear structuring to enhance readability.</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>The manuscript's structure is generally effective but can be refined for clarity and readability. The abstract should be more concise and clearly structured. The introduction provides essential background and sets the context well, but it needs a more engaging opening and clearer problem statement. The literature review is thorough but should offer a more critical analysis of gaps in existing research and how this study addresses them. The methodology section is detailed, but it needs a clearer explanation of the ethnographic approach and the rationale for chosen methods. The findings section is rich in detail but should be better organized into thematic categories to highlight key themes and implications. The discussion links findings to the broader context of development thought and SDGs effectively, but it requires a more critical analysis of policy and practice implications. The conclusion should emphasize the broader significance of the findings more strongly. Ensure all references are complete and correctly formatted. Using clear subheadings and maintaining a logical flow between sections will make the manuscript more accessible and impactful.</p>	
<p>Please write few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? Minimum 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>The manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound due to its comprehensive and well-documented qualitative methodology, which includes in-depth interviews, case studies, key informant interviews, and focus group discussions. The thematic analysis of the data is thorough and systematically links traditional myths to development thought, ensuring the findings are grounded in empirical evidence. Additionally, the study's ethnographic approach and detailed fieldwork provide a credible and authentic account of the Murang community, enhancing the reliability and validity of the conclusions drawn. This rigorous approach ensures the manuscript's contributions to understanding the intersection of traditional myths and development thought are both significant and reliable.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. =</p>	<p>To ensure the study is up-to-date, it is recommended to include recent government and NGO reports, such as the latest publications from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), which detail development projects and their impacts on ethnic communities in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. Additionally, contemporary research on the role of indigenous knowledge in sustainable development, particularly articles published in the last five years in journals like <i>Sustainable Development</i> and <i>Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine</i>, would</p>	

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	<p>provide valuable insights. Including the latest socio-economic data from recent surveys and demographic studies will also help provide updated statistics on poverty rates, health conditions, and educational attainment among the Murang community. These additions will provide a more contemporary context to the study's findings and support its arguments with the latest available data and scholarly discussions.</p>	
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<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language and English quality of the article are generally suitable for scholarly communication, but there are areas that could benefit from refinement to enhance clarity, readability, and academic rigor. The abstract is comprehensive but could be more concise by shortening sentences and simplifying complex phrases to make it clearer. The introduction provides good context, but it would benefit from a more engaging opening and smoother transitions between ideas. Consistency in tense usage and subject-verb agreement should be ensured throughout the manuscript. Some sentences are lengthy and complex, making them difficult to follow; breaking them into shorter, more straightforward sentences would improve readability. Technical terms and concepts should be clearly defined when first introduced to help readers unfamiliar with the subject matter. While the manuscript maintains an academic tone, some sections could be more formal by avoiding colloquial language and ensuring that all claims are supported by evidence. Clarity and precision are essential, and some paragraphs contain redundant information that should be eliminated to make the manuscript more concise. Using precise language to describe methods, findings, and conclusions will help convey the exact meaning intended. A thorough proofreading session to catch minor grammatical errors, punctuation mistakes, and typographical errors is recommended. Seeking feedback from colleagues or using professional editing services could further polish the manuscript. By addressing these areas, the manuscript will be more suitable for scholarly communication, enhancing its clarity, readability, and overall impact.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>Introduction</p> <p>The introduction provides a detailed background on the Murang community and the socio-economic context of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT). It sets the stage for the study by highlighting the significance of traditional myths in understanding development thought. However, the introduction can be made more engaging by focusing on the unique aspects of the Murang community's myths and their implications for development.</p> <p>Suggested Improvements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Start with a compelling hook that highlights the unique relationship between myths and development in the Murang community.2. Provide a clearer statement of the research problem and its significance.3. Ensure smooth transitions between paragraphs to maintain a logical flow. <p>Research Objectives</p> <p>The objectives are clearly stated and align well with the study's aim. However, they could be framed more succinctly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To explore traditional myths related to development in the Murang community.2. To analyze the interrelations between traditional myths and conventional development interventions.3. To examine how these myths shape and reshape development thought in line with SDGs. <p>Literature Review</p> <p>The literature review effectively contextualizes the study within existing research. However, it could benefit from a more critical analysis of the gaps in the current literature and how this study addresses them. Additionally, ensuring proper citations and a cohesive narrative will strengthen this section.</p> <p>Suggested Improvements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Highlight the specific gaps in literature that this study addresses.2. Ensure all referenced studies are properly cited and integrated into the narrative.3. Critically analyze the existing research to justify the need for this study.	

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	<p>Methodology</p> <p>The methodology section is comprehensive, detailing the qualitative methods used for data collection and analysis. However, it would benefit from a clearer explanation of the ethnographic approach and the rationale behind choosing specific methods.</p> <p>Suggested Improvements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide a rationale for selecting the ethnographic approach.2. Clarify the criteria for selecting participants and the process of data analysis.3. Ensure ethical considerations are explicitly stated. <p>Findings</p> <p>The findings section is detailed and provides rich descriptions of the traditional myths. However, it can be more structured to highlight the key themes and their implications for development thought.</p> <p>Suggested Improvements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Organize the myths into thematic categories.2. Clearly link each myth to its impact on development thought.3. Use subheadings for better readability and structure. <p>Discussion</p> <p>The discussion section effectively links the findings to the broader context of development thought and SDGs. However, it could benefit from a more critical analysis of the implications of these findings for policy and practice.</p> <p>Suggested Improvements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Critically analyze the implications of the findings for development policy and practice.2. Discuss potential challenges and limitations of integrating traditional myths into development interventions.3. Highlight recommendations for future research and practical applications. <p>Conclusion</p> <p>The conclusion succinctly summarizes the study's contributions but could be strengthened by emphasizing the broader significance of the findings.</p> <p>Suggested Improvements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Emphasize the broader implications of the study for development policy and practice.2. Suggest specific actions for integrating traditional knowledge into development planning.3. Reinforce the importance of preserving traditional myths in achieving sustainable development. <p>References</p> <p>Ensure all references are correctly formatted and include all sources cited in the text.</p> <p>Overall Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Enhance the clarity and conciseness of the abstract and introduction.	
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	2. Provide a critical analysis in the literature review and discussion sections. 3. Organize the findings thematically and ensure a clear link to the study's objectives. 4. Emphasize the practical implications of the findings in the conclusion.	
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	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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