Proverb is impersonal vehicles for personal communication. Proverbs are nearly always stated in the form of personal circumstance and embody it in impersonal and communication to bring it into play. Proverbs take a sufficient, needing nothing more than an event of everyday discourse as well as in the more highly structured situations of education and judicial proceedings. Each proverb is a full statement of an approach to recurrent situations of education and judicial proceedings. Proverbs are short and witty expressions of popular wisdom. They are popularly defined as short expressions of popular wisdom. It is complete sentence. Allen Dundes defined as “Proverb is impersonal vehicles for personal communication”. Roger D. Abrahams said that “Proverbs are short and witty traditional expressions that arise as part of everyday discourse as well as in the more highly structured situations of education and judicial proceedings. Each proverb is a full statement of an approach to recurrent problem. It presents a point of view and a strategy that self-sufficient, needing nothing more than an event of communication to bring it into play. Proverbs take a personal circumstance and embody it in impersonal and witty form. Proverbs are nearly always stated in the form of single sentence”. [6]
3.1 Significances of proverbs in Bodo society

The using of proverbs is a part of daily activities in the Bodo society and it is like forefathers knowledge which has given for their offspring as a treasure and hidden knowledge. The proverbs which are used in Bodos society has played a crucial role and even it has form as like folklore and these are importance for encouragement among themselves. Bodo proverbs are divided into three kinds and discuss its significance in the following:

3.1.1 Proverbs relating to women

In the Bodo society women take importance role and place in the family, village and in their area and even as an individual. To be a matured and expert for domestic work and in culture the Bodo women need to learn and acquire knowledge so that they can adjust morally, thus women can mingle and build up their society. So there are lots of proverbs regarding women. Following are some of them

_Bimaya Naiu Muhkhangao
Hinzaao Naiu Siphiyao
Phisaya Naiu Khosooao.

(English Rendering: Mother observe the face, wife look at pocket, children checked the bag.)

Face is index of human being. So, we can recognize the condition of one through his appearance. Therefore you may come from somewhere your mother will first observe your face to know your condition, is there anything happen to you or not. On the other side your wife will see your pocket as you are back by having some amount or not. Because she has to manage family expenditures and feeding to their children.

_Sikha gudana santham, Hinzao gudana dantham.

(English Rendering: New knife come to know within three days, bride character known within three months.)

A new knife can be known after using two-three days whether it is sharp or not. A bride will be known in her character and activities roughly within three months of time. In general, it is believed that it needs only a few times to know anything in Bodo society.

Sometime bride shows to his bridgroom’s house as she is so smart and active in works and smooth in character, but her real character and laziness activities will display after few days.

_Busurse Abad Zaiuikhuu Dagab, Hinzao Haba Runguikhuu Gab

(English Rendering: Don’t get upset for failure of cultivation for a year; get upset for having unskilled bride.)

As an agricultural family if a crop growing is not success for some reason, it is only for one time suffering. But if you marry unskilled or lazy girl or marrying girl who doesn’t know how to cultivate or household work, then if you marry to such a girl you may have to suffer in the whole life. That sentence can be explained through this proverb.

3.1.2 Proverbs relating to agriculture

There are proverbs relating to agriculture in Bodo society which are circulating among them through words of mouth. Some of them are given below:

_Ha dala agni khona
Musuo dala gong mena
Mai gaiubula
Dao zalanggun
Makhoo munjaagun
Huoria zjaagun.

(English rendering: Do not take the land in the nook-corner, Do not buy bull with long horn, If you plant paddy the birds will eat away, what you get to eat, Will be poor.)

According to the Bodo traditional society there used to be full of Betel-nut, jackfruit and mango trees and Bamboo trees in nook-corner (agni-khona). So, we can’t take care or look upon cultivation in that side or in the nook-corner. Even we can’t see if crops are wiped out by animals. If we buy bull having long horn its horn will be fearful and it may disturb when we tying up them to plough on his shoulder. Again if we plant crops near the drain, the animal like- pig, poultry will destroy all the crops as we are unable to drive them out. If it is continuing the ultimate result will be zero or no good result will be there and then we will get nothing.

_Abadkhuoo mao khathiao, Phisa hinzaokhuu Bilai guzanao.

(English Rendering: Cultivate your crops nearest to your home, but get marry your daughter so far to you.)

If you do your cultivation nearest to your house, you will get easy to take care of it. So you will get good crops. One the other hand if we give faraway the daughter to marry, you will be get relief from disturbing. In that situation the above proverb is used.

_Maona zanu rungba zeraobua mai bakhri.

(English rendering: Everywhere barn for one excel person.)

It is easy to an expert and excel person that wherever they go they can make way for their livelihood, moreover for such person there will be chances and they can earn and treasure abundantly in their barns. To explain and give encourage to people those who are like idle and lazy this proverb is used in the Bodo society since ancient days.

3.1.3 Proverbs having moral lesson:

Proverbs having moral lessons or advices are available in the Bodo society which are effective in exercising social organize. These may also be used to caution or advise people and to smooth social friction and dissatisfaction. Examples are given below:

_Ha gurung-ao Maozi khiyu.

(English rendering: Cats excrete in soft soil.)

The cats search for soft soil and dig out and excrete there and bury their excretion. Likewise a cunning man may try to fool and cheat to a meek man. With this proverb humble and genuine people can be aware from cunning people.

_Muiderkhuoo sunanguo khapalao, Mansikkwo rainanguo sigangao.

(English Rendering:)

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To an elephant pierce in the forehead and to a man one should scold and correct in the front.)

When elephant try to attack us we should take spears and pierce it in the forehead and then only we can be save from elephant. Likewise if we find any mistake one should tell and make him known his mistake and error and then he/she can be correct his/her own mistake. If we gossip it may create enemy and bring more problem. To give advice to people this proverb had been used in the Bodo society.

Guzuwoao mazubla bikhaiao nangun, Naigongna mazubla athingao nangun.  
(English rendering: Spit high it will fall on your chest, Spit low it will fall on your feet.)

One may bring into trap and tragedy according to his own deeds, to explain and give advice above proverb is used. No person get direct trap by someone and can’t be accuse but it is he or she which make mistake and bring mistake thus whatever we do we should not be too serious but need to be careful before doing the work.
Zeblasu bala gudungao gaphlanguun, Humbasu miithiguun.  
(English rendering: the moment when you get married, then only you will realize.)

People think that getting married is a simple task for which young people married unconsciously and used to face in problem in their life. Because young people they don’t know when we married what problem we have to face that’s why after married such people get unbearable burden. To explain this sentence above proverb can be used. With this proverb young generation could be aware beforehand.
Naya thuuiyu thophainaiyao, Sesaya thuuiyu khyiyo, Muiya thuuiyu aganao Mansiya thuuiyu kugayao.  
(English rendering: Fish dies in gasping air, Rabbit dies in excretion, Deer dies in its footprint, and Man dies in his speech.)

Every hunter knows in which direction the deer has gone by seeing the footprint of deer. They are so expert that they can detect the deer by seeing the footprint. Likewise by seeing rabbit’s excretion one can find the place of rabbit. On the other hand human words are like poisonous things. Sometime people wrongly speak out of unconscious and it create enemy for himself. Like this we may bring tragedy in one’s life. Same thing happen in case of fish. The fisherman can find by gasping of fishes in the water and fisherman can catch the fishes. That means one should not talk meaningless or pointless sentences which create trouble in one’s life.

Some important proverbs circulating among Bodo societies are:

a) Oza burzabla phisa thuuiyu. (Eng.h rendering: Lots of physician kill the child.)
b) Akhai thaisejung apha khobzaya. (Eng. rendering: Single hand can’t make applause.)
c) Mudummai bibakhhuo huukhumano hayo. (Eng. rendering: Fragrance flower can’t be hiding.)
d) Inzurabhu khuma dongo. (Eng. rendering: Even a wall have ear.)
e) Okha hahanganuui khopri homnai. (Eng. rendering: Using khopri (kind of tool using as umbrella) after rain.)

4. Conclusion

The proverbs are like treasure in Bodos society and culture. Through this the behaviors and characters one can feel the influence of proverbs in Bodos society. These proverbs are essential for common people and through this human culture remain alive. In regards of Bodos folklore this proverbs are taking as special and important factor to those illiterate people where they learnt and got knowledge through the proverbs. These proverbs can be collect more and elaborate deeper and we can get more information regarding proverbs in Bodo society and likewise there will be more chance to correct errors as well. Along with modern advance technology development we could preserve it and prove it more through scientific study and in future generation it will be save and available for upcoming generation.

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