

P R E F A C E

A socio-economic study of hotel workers in Kolhapur is an unexplored area. Probably this is the first study of its kind in Kolhapur and therefore the subject had to be studied extensively and comprehensively. I approached the subject as an opportunity and as a challenge. An opportunity because I could thereby make, howsoever small it may be, a positive contribution to our treasure of knowledge and a challenge because it is difficult to extract information from such a dispersed, dissatisfied section of the society. How successfully I have explored this opportunity and faced the challenge will be decided by the readers of this work.

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