

PREFACE

The dissertation entitled "A Study of Socio-religious Conditions of Ancient Karnataka" is based on the available inscriptions, literary and other sources. Karnataka has played a unique role in the development of Indian culture. During ancient period its geographical position had facilitated the people for becoming a meeting ground of diverse cultural elements, which are reflected in the socio-religious structure in ancient Karnataka. Being basically a non Aryan Belt, a combination of Aryan and non Aryan culture element can be easily found in ancient Karnataka. Therefore the above mentioned topic has been chosen.

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