

## PREFACE

The Kaikadi community is one of those many communities which are mingled in various cities and states. During the british period this community was declared as an outlaw community because of the antisocial activities practiced by them and that is why the kaikadies population was specially inhabited in area called as "Settlement" located in the outskirts of the city and the same was protected with barbed wire fencing. The settlement colony was freed in the year 1949 during the tenure of Shri.Balasaheb Kher.

The present study is devoted to the socio economic and cultural activities of Kaikadi community in Solapur. Though this community is found right from Madras to Bombay. It is very difficult to set the history and to confirm the basic information of this community. It was challengeable task to contact the community people as presently they are freed from the settlement area and started to leave in the various parts of the city along with the other communities.

I accepted this challenge and tried my level best to conduct the survey and put very efforts to complete this study a success. With the help of my respected Guide, Colleagues, Friends, Students and some of the community leaders as well as the documents available with the news papers and other resources.

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