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*Fisheries sector is a distinct sector of our economy. In India, it contributes to about 1.07 % of GDP, besides around 2000 million dollars of exports. Around 10 millions fishermen are living directly and indirectly in fish catch, processing, marketing, etc. Therefore, it was thought to make a research on fisheries, especially, the **Socio-Economic Conditions of Fishing Community in Konkan Region of Maharashtra**. No doubt few studies have been made but the detailed study on socio-economic aspect of fishing community was not made.*

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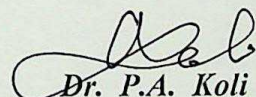
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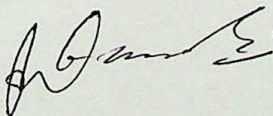
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