

MARRIAGE AND KINSHIP SYSTEM AMONG BUNTS

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ABSTRACT

South Kanara is the coastal beauty of Mangalapura and presently known as Mangaluru and many rulers ruled this region and there are fifty lakhs people who estimated to speak Tulu along with the existing Bunts community and it is the homeland of Bunts community. The approximate Bunts population is about fifteen lakhs. Mangaluru was ruled by Portuguese, British and other Muslim kings and it was transformed to various lifestyle due to the influence of the these people. South Kanara is unique and they have unique lifestyle practice, commerce and education and having various communities such as Bunts, Billava, Shivalli Brashmins, Mogaveera, Devadigas Kumbara or potters Koragas and adhi dravida lineages, Christians, Muslims and other religious groups. Tulunad is very rich is ancient heritage such as Yakshagana, Bhootardhane, Kambala Nagartambila, Jain sculpture, matrilineal lineage culture, literature, cinema. Jain faiths are prominent in this region. This paper attempts to study the Marriage, family and Aliyasantana kattu of the Bunt community. The present paper is focusing on the Bunts community and their marriage, kinship and their change and continued practices.

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