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Religious Worship among Yanadi`s in Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh

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Abstract

In southern India Yandi`s are one of the major scheduled tribes of Andhra Pradesh the total population of Yandi`s was 5, 78,205 as per 2011 censuses. SPSR Nellore district is populated with. 2, 43, 001 Yandi`s. Among these 2, 11,613 are scattered in 46 mandals. Over populated in Kovur mandal where the sample studies are made, 31,388 are in urban areas. Apart from Nellore they distributed in Chittoor, Prakasm and YSR. Kadapa districts, 92,781. 73,469, 27,859 respectively (<http://aptribes.gov.in>). Literacy rate among Yanadhi is 35.35 as per 2001censuses, In the present study it was submissive, to say changed to 39±1%.

Belief in supernaturalism in known as Religion, Emile Durkheim — unified system of beliefs and practices relative to sacred things, that is to say things set apart and forbidden - beliefs and practises which unite into one single moral community called a church, all those who adhere to them. (Taves, Ann (2009), p. 176). Yanadis are associated with primitive religion, naturalism, animism, animatims, totemism, besides Hinduism.

These people are semi-nomadic, mostly moving one place to other in search of work. However it was observed they are colonised, indispensable, and most trusted tribes for doing specific works needed by other communities. So ethnographic profile of the Yanadi was changed from semi-nomadic to Static by 90%. The Yanadi maintain their identity and do not claim explicit connections with other communities. The data focused mainly on the religious devotees worship by Yanadis in Kovur Manadal Nellore district. This is based on primary data.

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