

# **BRAHMANAS OF SOUTH INDIA**

**Nagendra Rao**



Publications

**KALPAZ PUBLICATIONS**

DELHI-110052

**Brahmanas of South India**

**Rs. 690**

**ISBN: 81-7835-300-8**

**© Nagendra Rao**

**All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced in any manner without written permission.**

**Published in 2005 in India by  
Kalpaz Publications,  
C-30, Satyawati Nagar, Delhi-110052  
E-mail : Kalpaz@hotmail.com**

***Laser Typesetting at : Shree Vaishnavi Creations, Delhi  
Printed at : Salasar Imaging System, Delhi***

# Contents

<i>Foreword</i>	7
<b>1. Introduction</b>	9
<b>2. Early Indian Historical Tradition</b>	21
<b>3. The Grāmapaddhati</b>	51
Details of Brahmana Families with their religious and secular designations; Highest grade; Second grade; Middle grade; Good brahmanas; Genealogical details; Geographical details; Brahmana settlements.	
<b>4. The Identification of the Places and their Antiquity</b>	63
Western grāmas; Eastern grāmas; Western grāmas; Kōta (Kūta); Eastern gramas; Ayirnādu; Identification of Villages.	
<b>5. The Sahyādri Khānda</b>	149
Grāmapaddhati and Sahyādri Khānda; Kannada Sahyādri Khanda; Sanskrit Sahyādri Khānda; Western Villages; Eastern Villages.	
<b>6. The Function of Tradition</b>	163
Need for Puranas: the Historical Experience; Purpose and Function of Puranas; Indian attitude towards past; Traditions as Source for social history; Literature and Dominant Caste; Origin and Growth of Paraḍurṭma Tradition; Transformation of the Tradition; Content of Traditions; Conclusion.	
<i>Appendices</i>	
1. <i>Grāmapaddhati</i>	175
2. <i>Gotras in the Inscriptions of South Kanara</i>	187

3. <i>Interpreting Paraśurāma Tradition</i>	191
4. <i>Analysing Brahmana Settlements in South Kanara</i>	199
<i>Bibliography</i>	207
<i>Index</i>	211