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Preface

The history of indigenous people of 'Gawda-Kunbi-Velip' was unwritten. In fact, they are the first settlers and sons of the soil of this land called as Goa. Yet, through the ancient historical records of indigenous Peoples reveals that there is no detail records of the first settlers, but their Life Style, Folk Art & Culture, Traditions, Religious beliefs, Social Philosophy and economy etc. are still exists today.

It is worthwhile to understand that throughout the history of indigenous people of Goa i.e. 'Gawda-Kunbi-Velip' forefathers has nurtured and cultured the Goan society. It is therefore inevitable to do research work to focus on life Style of indigenous peoples of Gawda Kunbi-Velip' Community in Goa, and come forward to disclosed the true facts of the Golden Era of the Gawdas Tribes in Goa.

In 1950, the Constitution of Indian was adopted which inserted the most significant principles of justice, equality, liberty and fraternity, guaranteeing those to all citizens of India. Besides, this specific international instrument's of Human Rights like the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, International Covenant on Economic, social and Cultural Rights, 1966 and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are also deal with Indigenous Rights. The implementation and enforcement of these principles has been done in state of Goa.

The indigenous people of 'Gawda-Kunbi-Velip' under the Portuguese Colonial Period had lost their land due to land revenue Codification and they became landless. In the beginning of 1970, various social, economic & politically movements emerged

in Goa in support of the protection human rights and Constitutional rights of tribal Communities, but those attempts were not of focused & sufficient.

Most of Indigenous people Gawda, Kunbi and velip Communities are living in extreme poverty, without land or opportunities for better employment or education in state. The Present book deals with human right and social justice issues of indigenous people and their Position of since ancient period, so also their traditional Governance or administration System, rights of the tribal's in Goa relating to their land, forest and mining issue as regards mining pertaining to indigenous people.