

DOCUMENTATION ON TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL WEAR OF CONSERVATIVE SOCIETIES OF NORTHERN KARNATAKA

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ABSTRACT

India is recognized globally for its deep-rooted culture with diversity. Each community articulates the rich heritage, civilization, habitat, beliefs and unique costume. In India even today nomads and some conservative societies dwell in remote areas, cut off from main city. Among such communities Goulis, Halakkis, Kunbis Lambanis and Siddis are identified for stunningly traditional costume. The present investigation focused on traditional costumes worn during the celebration of fairs, festivals and rituals by conservative societies of Karnataka. The costumes of each conservative society differ in their traditional costumes. The results reveal that 1st and 2nd generation men and women, irrespective of the conservative societies wear traditional costumes, whereas, a shift towards the modern costumes can be observed among younger boys and girls of all the conservative societies.

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