Preface

According to the census 2001 the proportion of tribal population is 84,541,316 which is 8.74% of the total population of India of them, the women ratio is 977 against 1000 men. The rate of Literary is 47.08% compared to 64.36% of others.

These are the general particulars about the tribals of India. There are certain groups among the tribals which are recognised as primitive tribes by the government. In India as many as 75 such primitive tribe groups are living. Their proportion in Gujarat is 5 (five) Kolgha, Kotwadia, Padhar, Siddhi and Kathodi are included in these primitive tribes. My study is regarding the Kolgha primitive tribe among them. I have tried to examine the cultural changes having taken place in this group. Furthermore I have also tried to get the idea as to how much socio-economic development has taken place through various scheme for the development and welfare of this tribe from the government.

Comparing them with other tribals, it is clearly seen that there are more changes in socio-economic field of other tribals than the Kolghas. The main reason behind this is the cultural changes having been taken in them. When we discuss about the Kolgha tribal group. It is found that no special change has taken place in their culture. Only more or less change is seen in the physical facilities. No notable change is found so far in the socio-economic status of them. However, the, effects of political factors is seen on them. A very small group among them has reached to the position of the members of the gram panchayat. This group has not any special progress in the field of education.

This groups was considered untouchable earlier. Though a change has taken place now in this situation. The Kolgha tribes living in the
interior parts have made changes in low proportion regarding hygienic habits compared to other triabls. Most of the Kolghas sustain their life on labour work. They lack in immovable assets. I have tried to study the life of this group as much possible. I wish that my study will turn out to be useful to all working in this field.