GLOSSARY

(Generally, meaning of a word is given in brackets right beside the same in the text. This glossary is for those words to which meanings are not specified therein).

Agrahara: A village or Locality usually resided by Brahmins

Bagani: Tree from which toddy is extracted.

Bali: Sacrifice or a sacrificial animal like fowl, pig, goat, bison and others.

Bhootaradhane: Worshipping of Bhoota. Practice prevalent in Dakshina Kannada and adjoining districts.

Bhootaraya: Spirit worshipped as god.

Dayyada bana: Precincts of a Dayya(Ghost) or Bhoota(spirit).

Dudi: A small hand held drum beaten with bamboo sticks.

Fouzdar: A police official equivalent to present day Inspector.

Gayathri: A Vedic hymn chanted to appease Sun God.


Halepaika: A caste with profession of toddy tending and manufacturing and sale of liquor. Also known as diva, Idiga and Billava.

Heggade: Equivalent of Gowda or Vokkaliga.

Jotamma: Spirit of a dead woman.

Kallu: Toddy extracted from the Bagani tree.

Khata: Record showing the ownership of land.

Khirdi: Record maintained by the village accountants wherein the tax or revenue collected and deposited to the treasury are mentioned.
Kori: Equivalent of Lavani.

Lavani: An arrangement between a landowner and tenant where the share of the produce is pre-agreed. Usually the share is 50:50.


Madi: A traditional purity-retaining exercise practiced by Brahmin widows or priests. A touch, even from a family member is believed to pollute them for which they have to take bath again. They have to undergo a detailed purification process for the touch of Sudras and untouchables.

Maratha: Member of a warrior community from Maharashtra. A caste.

Marigudi: A temple for goddess Mari.

Matha: Equivalent of monastery. A place where the religious aspects of a community were taken care of. Headed by a Swami or a pontiff.

Nanni: Utterances of a spirit through the body of a man possessed by it.

Panchanama: Report on a scene of crime witnessed usually by 5 persons.

Panchayat: A village or caste committee, consisting of senior and influential men, supervising the aspects of tradition and justice.

Panjurli: A spirit (with head resembling that of a pig). Worshipped in Dakshina Kannada and adjoining districts.

Pooja: Worship either in a temple or home.

Raja Purohit: Head priest of a royalty.

Seer: Seru, a cylindrical measuring device.

Seregar: A labour procurer and supervisor, who worked in proximity with land owners.

Setty: Surname of a Bunt, a caste considered on par with Vokkaligas. Setty also means a person from merchant community- Equivalent to Vyshya.
Shiledar: Supervisor of the estate of a feudal lord.

Shyanubhoga: Same as Kulkarni. Village revenue official. Equivalent to present day village accountant.

Soolagitti: Midwife who assisted women while they deliver.

Sudra: The last rung of Chaturvarna. It has various sub-castes within.

Tali: A ceremonial neck-ware containing a variety of black beads and golden pendant(s). It is tied to the bride by groom in a marriage ceremony. A married woman is supposed to wear it around her neck till her husband is alive.

Veeragallu: A ceremonial badge of honour, A stone erected to commemorate a warrior.


Wade: An imposing, palacial building, built for the residence of the chieftains.

Waleekara: Messsenger who assisted the village law and order machinery. Equivalent to Talawara.
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Geeta Nagabhushana
Devanoora Mahadeva
Ancestral Home of Dr. K.V. Puttapa at Kuppalli
Different Photos of Wades
Chawadi
(Inspection house)

An Entertainment
house of a feudal lord

A Veeragallu

A Harijan Dwelling
A Case of Embezzlement of Funds by a Shanbhoga
A Jamabandi Order
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