PREFACE

According to the census 2001 the total population in Maharashtra is 9,68,78,627 and the Tribal population is 85,77,276. The percentage of Tribal population to total population is 8.85% out of this the total population in Thane district is 81,31,849 and Scheduled Tribe population is 11,99,290. The percentage of Tribal population to total population is 14.74%. The Tribal people play vital role in the Indian social set-up, because they belong to a weaker section of our society and are greatly most backward, downtrodden people of the country. The Government has too realized this fact and attention has been focused for their economic upliftment.

This study of Thane district will be the true picture of the life of Tribals, which will help the administrators, planners, policy makers, politicians and Non-Government Organizations to come across the real problems of the Tribal people and they can take effective step for their upliftment.

I am extremely glad to submit the thesis on, “Critical Appraisal of Various Tribal Schemes for the Economic Upliftment of Scheduled Tribes in Thane District,” to the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad. Because it helped me to know the social, economical, educational and political conditions amongst the tribals of the Thane district. For the centuries the tribal community follows an unpleasant and unhappy lifestyle, which is already known to the society.
But the practical of these communities was brought to exposure during my period of profession as a lecturer in Arts and Commerce College, Wada. Students residing in the hilly and forest area but living honest life were observed by me in and around the college premises. After comminuting with these tribal student and social workers I come to know about them to a greater depth.

Even though the government of India, Government of Maharashtra and Non-Government Organizations, (NGO’s) have many schemes and programmes for the implementation of scheduled tribes. There is no progress shown amongst them, this arises many questions. The curiosity is to find the answers to these questions forth brought an inspiring idea of carrying out a research on this issue. After a discussion with Dr. W.K. Sarwade, he grasped the real importance of this research and he encouraged and guided me to complete the research work.

Along with achieving a Ph.D. I could also study the Tribal life and make critical appraisal on the efforts put in at various levels by different institutions for their social, economic and educational development, hence I have selected this topic.

The proposed study is divided into eight chapters i.e. Introduction, Review of literature, Constitutional Provisions and Scheduled Tribes, Social and Economical development of Scheduled Tribes in Thane district, Role of Government and NGO’s in the development of Scheduled Tribes, Various Tribal Schemes and their Analysis of Thane district, Problems of Scheduled Tribes and Remedies Provided by the
Government in Thane district and last chapter is Summary, Conclusion and Suggestions.

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I have tried my level best to analyze and present all the aspects of research topic in spite of that I hold the overall responsibility for any shortcomings in this research.

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