CHAPTER -II

SOCIAL CONDITION OF THE TRIBES: THE ROLE OF CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

The second chapter Social Condition of the Tribes: The Role of Customs and Traditions portrays the tribe as a community, types of families, types of marriage, marital status of the respondents, dress, ornaments, food, beliefs, the methods followed during worship, art, architecture and sculpture, fairs and festivals, Vandikaaliamman festival, festivals dances, entertainment, status of women, polygamy, polyandry, divorce, widowhood, female infanticide, literacy, social taboos, 24 the rituals of life, pregnancy and child birth, the naming of the child ceremony, puberty, marriage ceremonies, funeral ceremonies and medical herbs for healthy living.