GLOSSARY

**Arithi**: Food prepared by wheat flour and sugar.

**Bhajan**: Devotional song with music.

**Bhandara**: Type of divinity prayer.

**Edimi**: Food prepared by wheat and Bengal gram flour with sugar.

**Gotra**: Vedic classification of the community into different groups.

**Janma Kundli**: A birth horoscope chart of an individual.

**Javala**: First haircut ceremony of a new born baby.

**Kum kum**: Red decorative powder or liquid to apply at the center of the forehead.

**Lagna**: A sensitive point in the Hindu Vedic astrology which is the first moment of contact between the Soul and its new life on earth in Jyotisa.

**Lalpani**: Alcoholic beverages.

**Muguti**: Nose ring of gold.

**Poojari**: Priest.

**Prasad**: A meal served after prayer.
**Puncha**: A group of elderly people in the community.

**Seere**: Five to six meters clothe used as an external garment.

**Seere shastra**: A ritual performed at the first pregnancy.

**Seere Udaso Karyakrama**: Ceremony at first menstrual cycle.

**Thali**: Two golden cups followed by black beads and tied around the neck, which denotes the status of married woman.

**Tottilu Karyakrama**: Naming ceremony of a new born baby.

**Wale**: Ear studs of gold.