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Preamble

The present study is the result of the project undertaken by the author. The project titled “Health and Healthcare Practices among Tribal Communities of Karnataka: An Anthropological Study” was assigned by the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad under the tribal sub plan grant received from the Government of Karnataka. This report summarises the research findings of the project addressing an important field of research about health and health care practices among Siddi and Halakki Vokkalu communities of Uttara Kannada of district, Karnataka.

The present study is mainly based on the field work conducted from October 2011 to March 2012. Traditional anthropological techniques of data collection including interview and participant observation were employed for the present study. Siddi community was recognised as a Scheduled tribe in 2003. It was evident these during the study that Halakki Vokkalu community belonging to Category-I and was struggling to secure the status of Scheduled tribe.