

## **Chenchus and Social Transformation: A Study of a Primitive Tribe in Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh**

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**ABSTRACT** The Chenchus are one of the aboriginal tribes of Andhra Pradesh. They are mostly confined to foothills of low lying areas of Nallamalai hills of South India. This study has been carried out with reference to Chenchus of Kurnool district. The study brings out the process of social transformation of Chenchus on account of programmes of the Integrated Tribal Development Agency. The analysis has been presented with reference to Moity groups. The sample households are divided into three specific groups based on the Moity of the Chenchu households. It must be born in mind that changes and developments experienced by Chenchus under reference are within the overall context of the trends of change and development that have been taking place in the country during the past five decades.