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Gondwana: Whether Political or Socio-cultural Reality

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ABSTRACT The present paper is an attempt to examine the Gond tribal organization in historical depth. There has been lot of emotions and commotions in the effort to re-establish some of their traditional customs and also to introduce a new set of values reflecting purity in ideology and ritual practices. Gonds and Gondwana are not new names in Anthropology but these have been described at length by various scholars at different times. The researchers have tried to compile some of the earlier observations with a view to comprehend the present state of affairs which is more stable, better organized and has taken a definite shape. The tribal members now have started to fight against exploitation, to prevent corruption and resist so called development schemes. They are now planning to become autonomous economically and to some extent politically. Apparently this movement looks like political in nature but in real sense it has all the merits of social and economic justice.