

COMMERCIAL INTERACTIONS BETWEEN THE VEREENGIDE OOSTINDICHE COMPAGNIE AND THE KONKANIS OF COCHIN: AN ANALYSIS

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ABSTRACT

The present paper is an endeavor to trace the commercial interactions of Dutch Company, with the prominent trading community of Cochin named Konkans. Konkans were the immigrant trading community, from the central part of India to the south during the time of colonial invasion. This particular community played a very significant role in commercial activities of Cochin from the Portuguese period onwards. Even though there are commercial interactions with the Portuguese, the Dutch period was considered as the important era for the accomplishment of Konkani commerce. The Dutch policies towards this community were progressive for the betterment of commercial happenings. Hence this paper is an attempt to trace, a brief sketch on such occurrences.

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