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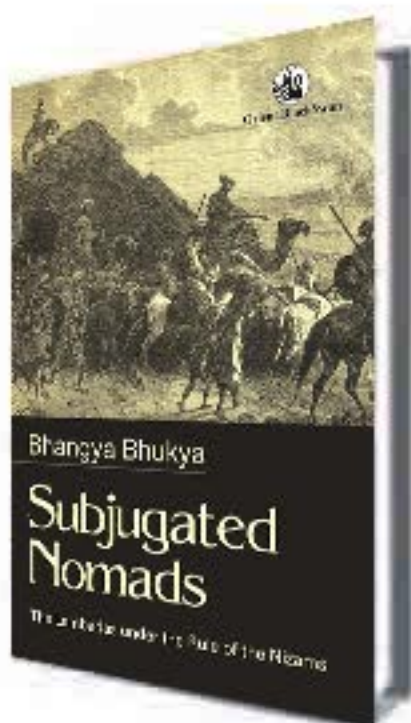
THE LAMBADAS UNDER THE RULE OF THE NIZAMS

Subjugated Nomads traces the historical transition of the Lambadas from a nomadic community to peasant subjects in Hyderabad State under the Nizams, during colonial rule. The study spans nearly two centuries, from the early 18th to the middle of the 20th. The growth of the market economy and advances in transport hampered the Lambadas' caravan trade. The state discouraged their nomadic ways, inducing them to become peasants. Exploitation by zamindars, moneylenders and forest and revenue officials, reduced the Lambadas to working as bonded farm labourers. During famines, some resorted to dacoity, leading the State to brand them as a criminal community.

Protracted suffering compelled the Lambadas to revolt, an uprising that transformed into the Telangana armed struggle at the end of the Nizams' rule. From the 1820s, leaders emerged from within the community who rearticulated Lambada history, spiritual beliefs and culture.

These found expression in their oral traditions.

This book will interest historians, sociologists, policy makers, and social activists.



Subjugated Nomads

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