



Community Dominance and Political Modernisation

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Mittal Publications, New Delhi, 2002. N.A. Book Condition: New. Xxviii+449pp This book examines the relevance of Prof. M.N. Srinivas's concept of a dominant caste with reference to the Lingayat Community. While Prof. M.N. Srinivas applied his concept of a dominant caste at a micro level (village level - Rampura), the present study has applied it at a macro level (state level). The basic elements of the dominant caste like numerical strength, economic power, political power, education, higher social status and respectable occupation as listed by Prof. M.N. Srinivas are also valid with regard to the Lingayat community at the macro level. However, the study has found ten new secondary/supportive elements of dominance with regard to the Lingayat Community. The book focuses its light on the reactions of the dominant Lingayat community to the modernisation and democratic processes through ten chapters. It traces the history of the Lingayat community from the ancient period to the modern period in terms of its evolution in religious and social philosophy, structures and practices. It narrates the traditional and modern means and methods adopted by the Lingayat leaders to modernise their community and to involve it in the political process to achieve certain goals. It...



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