

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: A Sociological Study on The Socio-Cultural, Economic, And Educational Status of The Gupta Community in Palakkad District, Kerala

Recommendation:

Accept as it isYES.....

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality			✓	
Clarity		✓		
Significance			✓	

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Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

Introduction – Review

The introduction effectively sets the context for the study by situating it within the broader framework of caste, diversity, and social stratification in India. It opens with a strong sociological observation about the persistence of caste hierarchies and transitions smoothly into the relevance of studying lesser-documented communities like the Guptans. The rationale for choosing the Guptan community is clearly articulated, emphasizing their cultural and historical significance alongside their relative absence in academic discourse.

The narrative is both informative and grounded in sociological relevance. Kerala's juxtaposition as a socially progressive state with persistent caste-based structures provides a meaningful backdrop for the study. The description of the Guptans' historical roles—particularly in Sanskrit scholarship, astrology, and temple affairs—adds depth and justifies the study's cultural dimension. Geographical specifics such as the mention of key localities within Palakkad add precision to the community profiling.

The language used is formal, clear, and analytically appropriate. The introduction successfully integrates macro-level sociological concerns with micro-level community focus, thereby setting a sound foundation for the ensuing sections of the research.

Overall Assessment:

The introduction is coherent, contextually rich, and sociologically grounded. It effectively justifies the study, balances empirical orientation with theoretical relevance, and establishes a clear academic purpose. The focus on an underrepresented caste group adds originality to the study's contribution within the field of Indian sociology.