

## **KOYA**

They are said to belong to the great Gond family. They rear pigs, goats, cows and hens. Their main festival is “Bijapandu” celebrated in the month of Chaitra. They also observe festivals and rituals viz. Kurumpandu, Dussera, Kartapandu, Ikkpandu, etc. They live in low thatched houses, cultivating Tobacco leaf, Ragi, Maize, Bhatta paddy, etc. Mahua and Salapa are their ideal drinks. They believe in Puja and use local medicines for their illness and diseases.

