

## **Ethnographic Notes on the Kattunaickens: A Food Gathering Tribes of Wayanad, Kerala**

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**ABSTRACT** Kattunaickens are a food gathering tribe of Wayanad district of Kerala state. At present their traditional occupation has changed to many other subsistence activities. They now live in a plural society which has great influence on their traditional life. Deforestation and other forest regulations has created a change in their economic structure which inversely affect the social set up of this community. The developmental programmes imparted by Government, the settlers influx are also responsible for the change in Kattunaicken style of life.