

Indigenous Agricultural Practices among Mavilan Tribe in North Kerala

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ABSTRACT Mavilan, a north Kerala tribe inhabits the hilly areas of Kannur and Kasaragod districts. Traditionally, they were hunters, gatherers and shifting cultivators. They have rich knowledge in various kinds of paddy and they categorized it according to the peculiarity of seeds. The *kumeri* cultivation, crop diversity, plant protection measures, harvest and storing come under the agricultural practices of Mavilan community. In the present day, their agricultural practices have changed a lot. It is due to the regulation of forest rules, changing land use pattern and intrusion of their land by the non-tribal communities.