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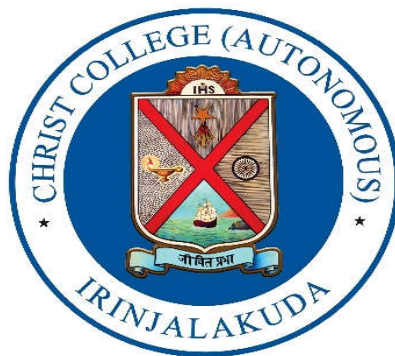
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# INTRODUCTION

The present study is more focused on captivating aspects of Kerala's economic history, the historical background of industrialization in Kerala with special reference on cashew industry in Kollam. This project aims to shed light on the transformative journey of Kerala its traditional agrarian economy to a dynamic industrial landscape, with the cashew industry serving as a focal point of exploration. By examine the historical context, the project uncover how colonial influence laid the grand work for industrial developments, the emergence of industry such as cashew processing in Kollam, and the present status of cashew industry in Kollam. Throughout the project mainly explore the cashew industry in Kollam, highlighting key milestones, technological advancements and also the impact of industrialization on Kerala social economic landscape. While celebrating the achievements of Kerala industrial journey. This also acknowledge the challenges faced by industries like cashew processing, such as market fluctuations, technological descriptions and sustainability etc.

The first chapter discussed with the historical background of industrialization in Kerala specially it signifies the colonial period, because the colonial period marked a significant shifting Kerala economic dynamics. The colonial powers introduced new crops, technologies and trading patterns laying the ground work for industrialization. The second chapter discussed with the History of cashew industry in Kollam. The cashew industry traced back to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century when traders and entrepreneurs recognized the potential of cashew nuts. Kollam with its strategic coastal location and established trade networks became a focal point for cashew processing and export. The abundance of skilled labor and proximity to raw material further fueled the industrial growth. The third chapter discussed with The current status of the cashew industry in Kollam, reflects a blend of resilience, innovation, and ongoing challenges. While Kollam maintains its position as a significant hub for cashew processing and export, there are notable shifts and trends shaping the industry. Technological advancements have led to increased mechanization and efficiency in processing units, improving productivity and product quality. However, market fluctuations, especially in global trade dynamics and pricing, pose ongoing challenges for industry stakeholders. Sustainable practices are gaining importance, with initiatives focusing on waste management, water conservation, and energy efficiency becoming integral to industry operations. Despite these challenges, Kollam's cashew industry continues to adapt, leveraging its historical expertise and global market presence to navigate complexities and explore avenues for sustainable growth and competitiveness.

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## GLOSSARY

<i>Alpam</i>	: Used against venoms including snake venom
<i>Elumoopan</i>	: Village headman
<i>Ennayidal</i>	: Traditional method of oiling to the pregnant women
<i>Idangazhi</i>	: A vessel used to measure the paddy
<i>Illam</i>	: House
<i>Kaaranamar</i>	: The elder one who perform all poojas
<i>Kethirukettam</i>	: Harvest festival among Malayan Community
<i>Kodikoora</i>	: Kodimaram /Flag pole
<i>Malai Deivam</i>	: Mountain God
<i>Manjakantham</i>	: Medicine used to save the person suffered with snakebite
<i>Mudhiyor</i>	: Elder men& women of the settlement
<i>Mudhuvan</i>	: Elder man of the settlement
<i>Ninabali</i>	: A ritual art form to ward off evils
<i>Nizhalpaaya</i>	: A mat meant for sitting near the corpse
<i>Noolu kettu</i>	: Tying of the sacred thread
<i>Pettumuri</i>	: Mother and child taken to rest in specially made delivery room
<i>Pookuda</i>	: Used in their own temples during the of festival
<i>Pottan Deivam</i>	: Folk Deity
<i>Tala mundu</i>	: Used to cover the head of a girl during her puberty
<i>Thirandu kalyanam</i>	: First menstrual period
<i>Ur</i>	: Village
<i>Vaidyan</i>	: Traditional Healers
<i>Vithu</i>	: seeds
<i>Taali</i>	: A necklace worn by Hindu women to signify that she is married

## INTRODUCTION

Tribes were considered as the indigenous or the natives of Indian society. They had a long history of existence. Mostly they lived in forest. In India they lived in Western Ghats, bordering of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Tribes of India are mainly into two - scheduled tribes and scheduled caste. In Kerala the government lists 36 of scheduled tribes. Also they have the knowledge about medicinal plants & its practices. Tribes were leading a simple life. They were the real owners of the land. But they were treated as very bad in early period. Certain rituals, beliefs, practices, culture, were separate them from the other populations. Different beliefs like to pray many forest things like many big trees, many objects which was available in their own surroundings. South Indian and North Indian tribes were different in nature. Especially, their culture was mismatching. Regional variations were also effected in their behavior pattern. Most of them were considered by others like uncivilized among other section of the society. Many laws, acts were implemented for them for uprising their position in the society. Tribes were known as the babies of forest and soil. There were many medicines were very much effective for common people also. Nowadays many people were depended on these medicines; because it's quality & it has no side effects. And they also used many medicinal leaves for making the secret medicine.

Many people were considered them as very low class people in the society. So nowadays they were very much worried about their habitats. Because now they faced challenges while living in the forest; mostly they were threatened by the human beings than animals. In the early period they were the people who worked under the land lords. This type of social system was treated them as lower people and behave very cheap towards them in early period. Now the percentage becomes less than the ancient time. There were many laws and regulations were implemented for the uplift of tribes but they don't have much knowledge about their rights. Their education is also an important issue in the society. They lose their fundamental rights. In this project I tried to mention about the life of tribes; special reference to the Malaya Pulaya and Parayas of Thamaravellachal village.

Tribal were very aggressive in nature, because they lived a peaceful& isolated life in their own comfort zone. They do not encourage any external forces to enter in their