

Patterns of Migration from a Drought-Prone Area in Andhra Pradesh: A Case Study¹

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ABSTRACT This paper tries to analyze the overriding importance¹ of seasonal migration and the role of external influence in adjusting to sharp drought-induced shortfalls in income. The pattern of migration from this drought-prone village brings out the role of social values to the forefront. In this study, it was also revealed how the villagers' likelihood of migration is influenced by his place in social hierarchy of which he/she is part. This must be viewed in a wider context than the village: the cultural environment of the region and the *jati* to which the people belong. The existing inequalities in the social hierarchical system get affected with the recurring phenomenon of drought.