

Role of NGO in the Development of *Sugalis*: A Case Study of a Settlement in Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT Role of Non-government Organisations (NGOs) in the development process in the third world countries like India is very crucial, especially in the 21st Century. They have a greater role to play in the lives and livelihoods of the tribal and backward communities of India today. An attempt has been made in this paper to see the role of an NGO in the development of a *Sugali* settlement. It is also attempted to understand how the information and support from the agency (NGO) helped the community to become self-reliant. The present paper is an outcome of fieldwork among *Sugalis* settlement in the Adadakulapalle as part of PhD work. An NGO by name Social Education Development Society (SEDS) is working for the development of *Sugalis*, a dominant tribe (economically, socially, politically and numerically in Andhra Pradesh), inhabited in Adadakulapalle settlement of Anantapur District in Andhra Pradesh. The drawbacks of the developmental interventions of the agency or civil society are also examined in this paper.