

Women in Water Management: A Case Study of a Tribal Village in Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT Fetching water for the needs of the family has been one of the important domestic chores associated with women world over. The availability/scarcity of potable water resource determines the amount of time, energy and care to be taken by the women. The relationship of women with the fetching and consumption of water can be examined in several socio-cultural aspects of the society. The present study deals with the availability and potability of water resources in Araku Valley Mandal of Visakhapatnam district and the cultural practices of fetching water for domestic purposes, seasonal variation of the amount of water drawn, native attitudes towards the water management. Women belonging to the tribes that inhabit Araku Valley like Bagata, Konda Dora, Nuka Dora, Porja and Konda Kapu are covered in this study.