

**STATUS OF LAND AND SOIL RESOURCES IN
DHARMAVARAM MANDAL OF DROUGHT
PRONE ANANTAPUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA
PRADESH**

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ABSTRACT

Land is a finite and valuable resource upon which we depend for basic amenities of life. Soil, especially the topsoil is classified as a renewable resource because it is continuously regenerated by natural process at a very slow rate. With increasing population, the dependency for arable land to produce food, fiber and fuel wood is also increasing. Hence, there is more and more pressure on the limited land resources which are getting degraded due to over exploitation. Agriculture, being the main livelihood of rural India, natural resources management with sound environmental principles is essential for protection and conservation. In this context an attempt is made here to study the status of land soil resources with respect to land capability, Land irrigability soil class, soil depth, soil texture, soil slope, soil gravelliness soil degradation and soil quality in Dharmavaram mandal of drought prone Anantpur district, Andhra Pradesh.

KEY WORDS: Land capability, Land irrigability, Soil classes, Soil depth, Soil texture. Soil slope, Soil gravelliness, soil degradation and soil quality.