

IMPACT OF RURAL MIGRATION ON LIVELIHOOD ISSUES

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ABSTRACT

Migration has been recognized for importance and relevance to the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, as well as for its influence on all regions of the world. Migration primarily occurs due to disparities in regional development. The causes of migration are usually explained by using two broad categories, namely, push and pull factors. This paper is an attempt to understand the emerging migration patterns in India. Globalization, urbanization and accompanying changes in socio-economic conditions, migrants are attracted to urban areas in recent times. The emerging migration pattern depicts confinement of migrants in lower socio-economic class in Urban India for response to the macro economic reforms. Unemployment, poverty, population pressure, environmental degradation, depletion of natural resources etc limits the livelihood options and may force people to migrate. But at the same time urbanization, better employment and educational opportunities, improvement in educational level, changing occupational pattern, development of transport and communication are the new impetus facilitating spatial mobility. The objective of the paper is to provide a perspective on current trends and patterns of internal migration in India.

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