

INDIAN VILLAGES – THE ILLUSION OF 'ISOLATION' 'SELF-SUFFICIENCY' AND 'LITTLE REPUBLICS' TO THE REALITY OF 'MIGRATING VILLAGES'

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ABSTRACT

Village settlement is much older than urban settlement in human history. India is not only geographically diversified but also one can find the diversified Indian villages. The mother India's heartbeat is resided in her country side. Even though good number of rural studies conducted to understand the Indian rural scenario by anthropologists and sociologists, the result is not satisfactory due to various reasons. One such reason is the socio-anthropological jargons i.e. 'Isolation', 'Self-Sufficiency' and 'Little Republics' which emerged out of these rural studies are looks like illusion when we through the light on present Indian rural scenario.

The above mentioned three socio-anthropological jargons are keep reproducing in sociological literature with some minor alterations. These jargons are providing an illusionary rural scenario to the students of rural sociology rather than realistic Indian rural scenario. But in reality, Indian villages have crossed all three beautiful borders which constructed by early socio-anthropologist and moving ahead. Today, due to lack of livelihood opportunities, insufficient amenities and other social reasons ruralites are migrating from rural to urban area. Instead of roaming in an illusionary world, this is an attempt to through a light on the present Indian villages with the support of secondary data.

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