

LIVE STOCK PROPERTY AND BANJARA COMMUNITY IN WARANGAL AND KARIMNAGAR DISTRICTS A CHANGING SCENARIO

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ABSTRACT

Andhra Pradesh is home to 35 communities officially designated as Scheduled Tribes. According to population census 2001 the population of Scheduled Tribes is 50,24,104, Banjaras are one among the Scheduled Tribes. They are however different when compared with the other Tribes. Because they are mainly agriculturists. Telangana Region of Andhra Pradesh consists 10 districts. In almost all districts Banjaras are existing. They used to depend on their milch property for their economic and overall development. In this regard they gave much importance to their live stock property which is considered as an instrument for their agriculture implementations and also for white revolution in their community. The Banjaras in Telangana districts maintain good relation with non-Banjara resident communities. Implementation of latest scientific technical knowledge in the field of agriculture brought unfathomable changes in agriculture. This has influenced livestock property of Banjaras. This article throws much light on the changes of the institution of live stock property among Banjaras of Telangana districts. Though changes are traced in the live stock property, yet Banjaras give much importance to their cows and bullocks. Live stock property is considered as part and parcel of the life of Banjaras in Telangana districts of Andhra Pradesh.

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