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A Study of the Interrelationship between the various Socio-Economic Elements of the Dhangar Community in Ahmednagar District

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Abstract:

Ahmednagar District is one of the largest district in Maharashtra. Dhangar community is the major Nomadic Tribal Community found in this district, which is distributed on a large scaleespecially hilly and drought prone area. Sheepherding is major occupation of this community. Basically Dhangar's sheepherding occupation depends on fodder for the sheep. But the Sheep fodder is not available in the particular place or location; itdepends on the annual rain fall, relief and Physical factors of the region. In Ahmednagar district as well as in Maharashtra and in India also, there is no assurance of an adequate amount of rain fall in every year, consequently for which year rain fall receiving rate is good, large quantity of sheep food is produced in the local area. Otherwise for the searching of fodder for the sheep they get migrate one place to another place repeatedly, so that they do not have an own house, who live in temporary settlement. Hence they do not get a proper education; therefore, this community is very backward in terms of education; consequently the comparative literacy rate of the Dhangar community is very low respect to other social group of the society. Although Literacy is the most dominant elements which, impact on other socio-economic elements such as Dependency ratio, Sex ratio, Occupation Structure, Involvement in various Organizations etc.

Keywords: Dhangar Community, Rainfall, Maharashtra, Ahmednagar, Sheepherding, Fodder. **Introduction:**

The Dhangar community is a nomadic tribe community, which is a vital and inside part of Indian society. Although mostly Dhangar Population are located in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka and Rajasthan, but in Maharashtra majority Dhangar population are engaged in Sheepherding occupation in hilly and drought prone area, e.g. Ahmednagar, Solapur, Sangali Satara, Beed, Latar, Ushmanabad district, etc. Out of the above district, Ahmednagar is the most drought prone district in Maharashtra, consequently huge number of Dhangar population are concentrated in Ahmednagar District. Because of Majority Dhangar's are sheppered, they move one place to another place for the fodder of sheep, hence they can't stay permanently in one region. They have temporary settlement, so that, they can't give a proper education for their children, therefore the poor literacy is a major issue in this community in the District. But literacy is the prime indicator in the socio-economic development of society. The impact of low literacy rate in Dhangar community resulted on the other socio-Economic elements such as Dependency ratio, Sex ratio, Occupation Structure, Involvement in various Organizations etc. This research paper is conducted for the study of the Interrelationship between the various Socio-Economic Elements of the Dhangar Community in Ahmednagar District.

Study Area:

Ahmednagar District recognized by the name of Malik Ahmed who was the chief founder. It was the kingdom of Nizamshah in A.D. 1494. Ahmednagar District was established after the end of Peshwa rule in A.D. 1818. Ahmednagar is the largest district of Maharashtra State having geographical area of 17418 k.m, It comprises the 5.66% of the area of Maharashtra State. Out of total areas 391.5 sq. k. m. is urban area while remaining 16,656.5 sq. k. m. comes under rural area. Ahmednagar is centrally located in western Maharashtra. The district have incorporated 14 blocks or tehsils/talukas, 1,581 villages and 1,308 *Gram Sabhas*. The Distract is Located between 18.2* to 19.9* North

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latitude and 73.9* to 57.5* East longitude. It is bounded on the north by Nasik district, on the north east by Aurangabad district, in the east by Beed and Osmanabad, on the south by Solapur and in the south west by Thane and Pune district.

Rational of the Study:

This study is associated with Dhangar community. This particular community is nomadic tribe, which is distributed in all over India. In Maharashtra especially in Ahmednagar District they found in plenty numbers. This is the socio-economically backwardcommunity, consequently they are illiterate, deprive and isolate. It is necessary to study the interrelationship of the Socio-Economic elements of the Dhangar Community for the upliftment and mainstreaming of the Dhangar Community.

Objectives:

1. To study the socio- economic status of Dhangar community

2. To study Interrelationship between education and socio- economic Elements

Hypothesis:

Low Literacy level adversely affected on other Socio-Economic elements of Dhangar community **Methodology:**

Geography is a science based on empirical studies which require data collection for various sources.

- 1. The present study is based on the primary data obtained from the Dhangar Community people (Respondents)
- 2. Processed and analyzed data has been applied by appropriate methods, cartographic techniques and statistical techniques.

Discussion and Analysis:

The present study shows the Interrelationship between Socio-Economic elements of the Dhangar Community in Ahmednagar district. Mainly in these socio-Economic factors, the literacy level is most significant Element, which is affected on various other socio-economic elements; these are Dependency ratio, Sex ratio, Occupation Structure, Involvement in various Organizations etc.

This study is conducted for the Interrelationship between the various Socio-Economic Elements of the Dhangar Community in Ahmednagar District; hencethe followingsocio-economic parametershave been selected for the correlation Analysis.

1. RL=RespondentsLiteracy

2.RDR=Respondents Dependency Ratio

3. RSR=Respondents Sex Ratio

4. RS=Respondents Shepherding

5. RMVO=Respondents Membership of

6. DL=Disparities in Literacy

	Correlation Analysis								
Sr.No.	Nameof Tahsils	RL	RDR	RS R	RS	RMVO	DL		
1	Sangamner	60.52	32.16	921	29.73	16.00	6.16		
2	Kopargaon	86.83	31.70	916	7.24	15.00	2.14		
3	Rahata	76.08	27.27	917	2.7	26.66	12.12		
4	Shrirampur	67.82	43.56	942	8.18	30.00	10.84		
5	Newasa	67.49	33.08	840	4.08	20.00	2.74		
6	Shevgaon	70.25	35.44	950	4.65	30.00	2.85		
7	Pathardi	55.49	50.61	952	10.42	25.00	3.39		
8	Nagar	79.17	39.28	953	30.30	23.33	2.18		
9	Rahuri	68.05	39.85	942	19.27	27.50	10.20		
10	Parner	64.58	41.66	932	53.71	25.00	6.64		
11	Shrigonda	63.33	40.47	927	41.35	26.66	6.36		
12	Karjat	60.63	35.51	861	20.00	36.66	5.9		
13	Jamkhed	60.10	32.24	848	5.88	33.33	14.29		

The significantly correlated parameters and their 'r' value shave been given in the following table

Correlation M	atrix	
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Parameters	R.L	RDR	RSR	RS	RMVO	DL
RL	The ment of				=	-

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RDR	-0.42	1	and an	191	=	-
RSR-	0.21	0.52	1			- 1-
RS	-0.21	0.32	0.27	U. C. All	2	æ
RMVO	-0.41	0.16	-0.18	-0.1	f	(N) E
DL	-0.25	-0.19	-0.2	-0.13	0.49	127

Literacyisimportantparameters, impactonsocio-economic condition of Dhangar Community people. Literacy and other significant parameter correlated each other positively as well as negatively.

- 1. The Respondents literacy and Respondents Dependency Ratio relationship has found negative significant correlation.r=-0.42
- 2. The Respondents Literacy and Respondents Sex Ratio correlation is positive in significant.r = 0.21
- 3. TheRespondentsliteracyandRespondentsShepherdingOccupationrelationshiphas found and gative in significant correlation. r=-0.21
- 4. The Respondents literacy and Respondents Membership of various Organization relationships have found an egative significant correlation. r=-0.41
- 5. The Respondents literacy and Respondents Disparities in Literacy correlation are negative in significan teorrelation. r=-0.25

Conclusion:

In the above mention parameters (Elements), only the Respondents Literacy rate and Respondents Sex Ratio are correlated in positive insignificant.

And Respondents Literacy rate and other parameters (Dependency ratio, Sex ratio, Occupation Structure, Involvement in various Organizations and Disparity in Literacy) etcare correlated in negative insignificant.

Recommendation:

This study is indicated low respondents literacy rate in the region, compare to the average district literacy; it is adversely affected on other socio-economic parameters; therefore it is an urgent need to create intensity and awareness among Dhangar community about the education. For that it requires providing more education facilities like scholarships, hostelling facilities etc.

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