

Adaptations to Physical Environment: A Microlevel Study of Occupational Change in Two Villages

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ABSTRACT The methods and practices of many of our traditional occupations are mostly stereotyped and pursued with little modification in tune with the environmental situation. Often physical environmental factors need to be suitably artificially manipulated to make them yield the optimum. Not all environmental modifications are unrewarding. After all the human factor holds the key to the optimum yield from a given geo-physical setting. The study here pertains to a man-made geo-morphological change to which two distinct occupational groups of people responded differently depending on socio-cultural habits and norms.