

Emerging Trends in Village Resource Utilization A Case Study from a Dry Region of Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT The impending ecological crisis has generated a lot of debate on the use of natural resources. Since the publication of Hardin's (1968) 'Tragedy of commons' there has been a steady increase in the literature on the common property resources, their use, decline, and management. Though the existing literature contributed significantly towards understanding the dynamics of resource use pattern, there is need for better understanding of the empirical reality at micro-level. The present paper focuses on the dynamics of the use of common property resources by different *Jatis* pursuing diverse occupation in a village depended on CPRs for their livelihood and harnessed these resources in a sustainable way. Institutional, developmental, and market factors altered the resource utilization pattern in the village. Resultant depletion of CPR's had its impact on various occupational groups. By delineating emerging trends in resource utilization at micro-level, certain recommendations for sustainable use of these resources are brought out.