

Migration and Settlement Pattern in a Middle Income Urban Milieu

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ABSTRACT The process of urbanization due to migration has several facets which is likely to have a considerable bearing on the migrants on their settlement pattern. The study aims to understand the process of migration and settlement pattern in a middle income urban area. The data for the present study is collected from 400 respondents forming about 4.8 per cent of the total households of middle income residential areas of Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India. The study is descriptive in nature and Chi-square test was used. In the study persons with rural backgrounds initially settle temporarily in the city and later live their entire lives in the settlements inhabited by persons of their own kind, without ever coming into contact with others of a different cultural background. To sum the migrants are shaping the culture of the city as much as they are adjusting to it.