

PREFACE

The present study reveals a geographical analysis of rural out-migration in Koch Bihar district. The research is findings the general overview, trend, pattern, nature, characteristics, causes, consequences, and assessment of MNGREG Scheme on the rural out-migration in geographical perspectives. This investigation has been done from the collection of data from both the migrant and non-migrant households of Koch Bihar district. Geographically this district is located at the foothills of Himalaya, where one-third of the district boundary is covered by the Indo-Bangladesh border. Koch Bihar has been transformed from an earlier kingdom to a state and from a state to the present status of a district. Unstill 28th August 1949 Koch Bihar was a Regal State administered by Maharaja of Koch Bihar, who had been a contributory ruler under the British Government. After the independence, the propensity of movement of rural peoples from Koch Bihar district to another district or other state has been increased due to various reasons like lack of job opportunities, shortage of cultivating land, no industrialisation, etc.

In this situation, the research topic “**A Study on Rural Out-Migration in Koch Bihar District, West Bengal: A Geographical Analysis**” is an attempt to analyse to present a comparative study on the socio-economic condition of rural out-migrants and non-migrant peoples of Koch Bihar district. The research has been an attempt from the collection of samples from 64 villages of 12 administrative Community Development blocks (CD Block) in Koch Bihar district and analyse the geographical variation of rural out-migration based on different selected socio-economic indicators and provides some suggestions for reduction of rural out-migration. The study has been divided into nine chapters: Chapter-1 Introduction; Chapter-2 Geographical Background of Koch Bihar District; Chapter-3 Overview of the Rural Out-Migration Scenario; Chapter-4 Nature and Socio-Economic Characteristics of Migrant and Non-Migrant Households of Koch Bihar District; Chapter-5 Trend and Patterns of Rural Out-Migration in the District; Chapter-6 Causes of Rural Out-Migration in the District; Chapter-7 Consequences of Rural Out-Migration in the District; Chapter-8 Assessment of MGNREGS on Rural Out-migration in the District and Chapter-9 Suggestions and Conclusions. This is important that this research will help you understand the probability of risk factors of rural out-migration by using different statistical model, graphical representation and thematic mapping which is beneficial for the policymakers, governments, researchers, and others.

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