

Problems & Prospects of Nomadic Shepherds

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Abstract – Preamble: *The Nomadic Shepherds community lives in open lands, forests and villages. This community is seen in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. Nomadic shepherds rearing sheep, goat, cow, horse...etc. Their history traced back to the early periods in the Indian history.*

Sheep with multi fact utility i. e of meat, milk, skin and manure....etc form an important component of nomadic shepherd's economy, particularly in the arid, semi-arid and mountainous areas of the country. It provides a dependable source of income to shepherds (small and marginal sheep rearing) through sale of work and animals.

These men take care of livestock throughout the year leading a semi-nomadic life style (batch wise-adjustment in going & coming) moving with the grazing animals from one place to another, while their family stays back at home.

Nomadic Shepherds are" Group of a people or a tribe that move from place to place, usually seasonally and often following a traditional route or circuit according to the state of the pastorate or food supply. The main objectives of this study are 1.To understand the nomadic life style or cultural & educational problems 2.To understand the problems of migration & marketing to sell their animals, products.....etc.

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RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

This article is based on the secondary data.

Problem: The nomadic shepherds are facing problems like no education facilities, Problems relating to grazing lands, no market facility for selling animals & products, lack of medical facilities, money lenders problem, thieves problem, attack by wild animals, no proper communication facility ...& so on.

FINDINGS:

The data showed that Sheep husbandry has potential in Indian agricultural economy, as an increasing need is being felt. This community is one of the neglected communities which is really required helping hands (From Government & Non-government agencies) to bring this community to the main stream.

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