

Physical Environment and Diversified Rural Livelihoods in Tripura- A Case Study of West Tripura District

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ABSTRACT

The present paper is an investigation to explore the rapport between physical environment and the livelihood patterns of the habitants on the roots of primary data gathered from the household's survey through structured interview schedule method in the rural areas of West Tripura district, Tripura, India. The physical condition of this area is dynamic and keeps changing with the intervention of cultural groups. Climate of the study area is typified by sub-tropical monsoon type and South – West Monsoon provides huge rainfall. Generally, the natural vegetation of the state falls under tropical wet evergreen with lush green (75%) forests due to the touch of the urbanization. The undulating uplands and lowlands and floodplains are used for agricultural activities and rubber plantation. The irrigation facilities are good in the rural areas of the study area. River system provides water for the agricultural and other allied activities. The numerable wetlands facilitate the rural people to practice fishing and soil provides to build brick industry in the study area. The other livelihood patterns are also reflecting their culture and their adaptation with the physical environment as culture is largely depended upon the environment. The calm and pleasurable climate help the people to earn good amount of money for their bread and butter and with that money, they are slightly changing their lifestyle and quality of life.

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