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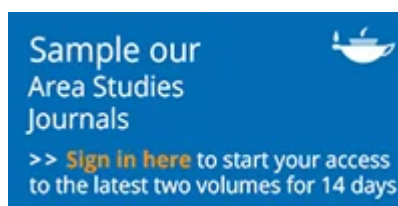
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From the Sundarban delta to Deccan 'Aurangabad': climatic refugees' resilience for livelihood

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ABSTRACT

Climatic disasters and ecological threats lead to migrations of people with transitions in livelihood as displaced communities. Climatic changes and demographic pressures are harshly hampering the ecological balance of the Sundarbans delta region. Western Indian Ocean region's industrial spaces and town economies are alternatives of livelihood for migrants from Sundarbans delta. Historically, the two littorals and hinterland of Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal of the Indian Ocean remain connected through trade networks. The Colonial State connected these two hinterlands of South Asia through railway networks. Since the late nineteenth century migrations within

the regions for livelihood increased. With the twenty-first century the severity of the migration increased because of climatic change. In this research, I investigated the patterns of migration from the Sundarbans delta to the Western Indian Ocean region hinterland city of 'Aurangabad.' This empirical study situates the transitions and impacts on livelihood fragility of the communities displaced.

Q KEYWORDS: Climate change displacement migration Sundarban

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1 Livelihood is an integral focus of research in this paper. Respondents interviewed are asked detailed narratives about how they are engaging in their livelihood practices especially in light of climate change and migration.

2 Ms. Snehali Kulkarni, Mr. Pravin Chintore, and Mr. Ojas Borse were active contributors for the research as PhD and M.Phil research scholars working under my supervision and contributed partially to this research.

3 Based on the economic standards of living and cost of living different cities in India are categorized likewise. Aurangabad remains a tier two city as the cost of living in the city is lower than a metropolis such as Mumbai, Pune, and Nagpur in Maharashtra.

4 In this research paper the artisans are referred as migrants rather climatic refugees.

5 For the safety and privacy of some of the respondents we avoided sharing their original names and details.

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