

## PERCEIVED SEXUAL RISK BAHEVIOUR OF HIV/AIDS AMONG MEN MIGRANT WORKERS IN MUMBAI

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### ABSTRACT

Globally, the epidemiology of HIV/AIDS is closely linked to the process of migration and Migrant men are in crude active age are more vulnerable for HIV infection because as majority of them migrate leaving their families in search of livelihood in the same way Andhra Pradesh is one of the most HIV prevalence state with high out migration. Generally as social control sexual relationships are at home often limited but in migrant communities, often possible. So it becomes essential to understand the role of migrants in Indian context. An attempt has been made, 'to understanding the risky sexual behaviours and substance abuse of among Andhra Pradesh male migrant workers. The present is based on the qualitative data of 30 in-depth interviews collected from who migrated from Andhra Pradesh to Bhiwandi city area of Mumbai. These in-depth interviews were conducted after completing the main survey data collection, after noticing some risky sexual behaviour. Ten migrant respondents from each category, i.e, who never married, married and not staying with wife, married and staying with wife were interviewed. The study reveals that, migrants who have been staying in Bhiwandi for fairly longer duration are more likely to have sexual relations with commercial sex workers as well as other women/girls (non-CSW). Unsafe sexual habits, watching blue films, and substance use are more prevalent among migrants of all categories in the study community. Therefore, to enhance healthy sexual behaviour and reduce prevalence of substance abuse among the migrants areas government should be make concerted efforts.

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