

ASSESSING LIDCAP'S IMPACT ON ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF SCHEDULED CASTES IN ANDHRA PRADESH: A CASE STUDY OF THE LEATHER INDUSTRY

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ABSTRACT

This paper, titled "Assessing LIDCAP's Impact on Economic Conditions of Scheduled Castes in Andhra Pradesh: A Case Study of the Leather Industry" by Prof. B. Sudhakar Reddy, presents a comprehensive analysis of the Leather Industries Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Ltd (LIDCAP) and its role in promoting and developing the leather industry in the state. The study examines various aspects, including the socio-economic characteristics of the surveyed participants, the contributions of LIDCAP to the advancement of the leather industry, initiatives aimed at fostering self-employment opportunities among Scheduled Castes (SCs), and the influence of LIDCAP on the living conditions of SCs.

The research findings provide insights into the challenges and opportunities within the leather industry in Andhra Pradesh. The paper discusses issues related to education, marital status, housing, occupational distribution, and sources of finance among SCs in the leather industry. It also highlights the role of LIDCAP in providing financial assistance and subsidies, as well as the level of satisfaction among beneficiaries. The study sheds light on the strengths and weaknesses of the leather industry in the region and proposes effective strategies for policy enhancement to improve the socio-economic status of SCs. This research holds significance for the leather production, manufacturing of leather goods, export of leather products, and the generation of employment opportunities in Andhra Pradesh