

# Population migration of Santhal pargana division of Jharkhand State: A Review

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## Abstract-

The Santhal Pargana Division in the Indian state of Jharkhand has been witnessing population migration for many years. This phenomenon has both positive and negative impacts on the region's development. The lack of employment opportunities and infrastructure, along with the region's geographical location, are the major reasons behind population migration. While migration helps in the exchange of culture and knowledge, it also results in the outflow of human resources, which has a detrimental effect on the region's economy. It is crucial to understand the reasons behind migration and take steps to address the underlying issues to ensure the sustainable development of the Santhal Pargana region. This paper examines population migration in the Santhal Pargana region from a geographical perspective and highlights the challenges and opportunities associated with it.

**Keywords:** Santhal Pargana Division, geographical perspective, Population migration.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Santhal Pargana Division is located in the northeastern part of Jharkhand state, India. It comprises six districts, namely Sahibganj, Pakur, Dumka, Deoghar, Godda, and Jamtara. The population of Santhal Pargana Division is predominantly tribal, with the Santhal community being the largest among them. The migration of the population in Santhal Pargana Division is a significant issue that affects the region's socio-economic development. The migration is mainly driven by poverty, lack of livelihood opportunities, and lack of basic amenities such as healthcare, education, and sanitation. The geographical location of Santhal Pargana Division also plays a crucial role in migration patterns. The region is situated in a hilly terrain with limited natural resources and a predominantly agrarian economy, which makes it difficult for the population to sustain themselves. As a result, they migrate to other parts of the country in search of employment opportunities. The migration patterns of the Santhal population have been changing over the years. Initially, the migration was mainly seasonal, with people moving out during the off-season to work as agricultural labourers in other parts of the country. However, with the changing economic scenario, there has been a shift towards permanent migration, with people moving to urban areas to work in industries or services sectors. The migration of the Santhal population has significant implications for the region's development. The loss of the working-age population has a detrimental effect on the region's economy, which is predominantly dependent on agriculture. The migration also leads to the disintegration of families and communities, which has a negative impact on social cohesion.

### 1.1 Contributing Factors

There are several factors that contribute to the population migration of Santhal Pargana Division in Jharkhand State. Some of the major factors include:

- i. **Poverty:** Poverty is one of the leading factors that drive population migration in Santhal Pargana Division. The region has a high poverty rate, and people often migrate to other parts of the country in search of better job opportunities and livelihood options.
- ii. **Lack of livelihood opportunities:** The region is predominantly dependent on agriculture, and there are limited opportunities for non-agricultural employment. This makes it difficult for the population to sustain themselves, leading to migration to other parts of the country.
- iii. **Lack of basic amenities:** Santhal Pargana Division lacks basic amenities such as healthcare, education, and sanitation. This leads to poor living conditions, which encourages people to migrate to other parts of the country.
- iv. **Natural calamities:** The region is prone to natural calamities such as floods and droughts, which often lead to loss of livelihoods and displacement of people. This also contributes to population migration.
- v. **Political instability:** The region has a history of political instability, which has resulted in frequent incidents of violence and unrest. This has a negative impact on the economy and social fabric of the region, leading to migration of the population.
- vi. **Urbanization and industrialization:** The growth of urban areas and industries in other parts of the country has created employment opportunities, leading to migration of the population from Santhal Pargana Division.

## II. REVIEWS OF LITERATURE

Review Title	Authors	Year	Methodology	Key Findings	Source
Migration and Livelihood Diversification in Santhal Pargana	D. K. Ray	2015	Field survey and case studies	Migration is an important strategy for livelihood diversification in Santhal Pargana, with a focus on seasonal migration for wage labour	International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Research
Analysis of Rural-Urban Migration in Santhal Pargana	A. Kumar, S. Kumar	2017	Secondary data analysis	Migration from rural to urban areas in Santhal Pargana is driven by economic opportunities and lack of basic amenities in rural areas	International Journal of Scientific and Research Publications
The Santhal of Jharkhand: An Overview of Their Migration History	N. N. Jha	2020	Historical analysis	Migration has been a significant part of Santhal history, with factors such as colonialism, deforestation, and political instability driving migration patterns	Indian Historical Review
Climate Change and	A. K. Ghosh, S.	2016	Qualitative study	Climate change is likely to	International Journal of

Migration in Santhal Pargana	Mitra			increase migration in Santhal Pargana, with drought and floods being the primary drivers of migration	Environmental Science and Development
The Role of Women in Migration in Santhal Pargana	S. Devi	2018	Field survey and interviews	Women play a significant role in migration in Santhal Pargana, particularly for household income and education of children	International Journal of Social Science and Economic Research
Exploring the Link between Conflict and Migration in Santhal Pargana	S. K. Singh	2019	Case study analysis	Political conflict and violence have led to displacement and migration in Santhal Pargana, particularly in areas affected by Nasalism	Journal of South Asian Studies
Migration and Health in Santhal Pargana	R. Sharma, S. Tiwari	2016	Field survey and interviews	Migration has significant implications for health outcomes in Santhal Pargana, with factors such as poor living conditions and lack of access to healthcare impacting migrant health	Indian Journal of Community Health
Understanding Rural-Urban Migration in Santhal Pargana	R. Mandal	2020	Field survey and case studies	Migration from rural to urban areas in Santhal Pargana is driven by a combination of push and pull factors, including lack of job opportunities in rural areas and the attraction of urban amenities	International Journal of Social Science Research
Migration and Livelihoods in	P. Majumdar	2017	Field survey and	Gender norms and practices	International Journal of

Santhal Pargana: A Gender Perspective			interviews	influence migration patterns in Santhal Pargana, with women often migrating for different reasons than men, such as family reasons or marriage	Humanities and Social Science Research
Assessing the Impact of Migration on Rural Development in Santhal Pargana	S. Roy, P. Kumar	2019	Secondary data analysis and case studies	Migration has both positive and negative impacts on rural development in Santhal Pargana, with remittances and increased income being positive impacts, and depopulation and brain drain being negative impacts	Journal of Rural Development and Administration

### III. SIGNIFICANCE OF RESEARCH

The population migration of Santhal Pargana Division of Jharkhand State is significant from several perspectives, as outlined below.

- i. Demographic changes:** Population migration can bring about significant demographic changes in the region, with implications for issues such as population growth, age structure, and gender balance. This can affect the social and economic fabric of the region.
- ii. Socio-economic impact:** Population migration can have a significant impact on the local economy. Migration can lead to an influx of new ideas and skills, which can drive innovation and economic growth. However, it can also lead to competition for resources and jobs, which can create social and economic tensions.
- iii. Cultural impact:** Population migration can also have a significant impact on the cultural landscape of the region. Migrants may bring with them new cultural practices and traditions, which can enrich the local culture. However, it can also lead to the erosion of traditional cultural practices and values.
- iv. Environmental impact:** Population migration can have an impact on the environment. For example, if migrants settle in new areas, this can lead to deforestation, land degradation, and other environmental issues.
- v. Political impact:** Population migration can also have political implications, particularly if migrants come from different ethnic or religious backgrounds. This can create social and political tensions, and may lead to conflicts over resources and power.

### IV. CONCLUSION

The population migration in the Santhal Pargana Division of Jharkhand state has been a significant phenomenon for many years. This migration is driven by several factors, such as lack of employment opportunities, inadequate infrastructure, and geographical location. While population migration has both positive and negative impacts on the region, it is crucial to take steps to address the underlying issues that cause people to migrate. Providing adequate employment opportunities, infrastructure, and basic amenities can help retain the region's population and lead to sustainable development. Overall, the Santhal Pargana

Division of Jharkhand state has a rich cultural heritage and a unique way of life. It is essential to preserve and promote this heritage while addressing the challenges that drive population migration to ensure the long-term prosperity of the region.

## V. FUTURE SCOPE

The future scope of population migration in Santhal Pargana Division of Jharkhand state can be analysed from a geographical perspective, taking into account various social, economic, and environmental factors. One potential area of future research could be the impact of climate change on population migration patterns in the region. Santhal Pargana Division is already prone to natural disasters, and with the increasing frequency and intensity of climate-related events such as floods and droughts, it is likely that more people will be forced to migrate in the future. Another area of research could focus on the impact of urbanization on population migration. As urban centres in Jharkhand continue to grow and develop, more people may migrate to these areas in search of better job opportunities and a higher standard of living. This has implications for the social and economic fabric of rural communities in Santhal Pargana Division.

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