

Socio-Economic Dynamics and Livelihood Patterns in Sagardighi Block, Murshidabad: An Analytical Study

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Abstract: *Sagardighi Block, located in the Murshidabad district of West Bengal, is characterized by a diverse socio-economic fabric influenced by agriculture, migration, and traditional industries. This study aims to explore the intricate livelihood patterns, income sources, and social structures that define the region. Utilizing a mixed-methods approach, including household surveys, focus group discussions, and secondary data analysis, the research highlights the dependency on agriculture and allied sectors, the increasing role of remittances, and the marginalization of vulnerable communities such as women and landless laborers. Findings reveal that while government interventions such as MGNREGA and SHG initiatives have improved livelihood options, gaps in infrastructure, education, and healthcare continue to hinder sustainable development. The study advocates for context-specific policy interventions to address these challenges and promote inclusive growth*

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