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INTRODUCTION

- Handloom industry is an ancient cottage industry and has the traditional significance in rural India. It occupies the second place by providing direct and indirect employment to over 12 million rural population next to agriculture sector.
- In the earlier days, the weavers were formed into purchase and sale societies which led to the malpractice of purchasing cloth from others and arranging its disposal through the apex Society.

Abstract

- Siricilla, located in the Indian state of Telangana, is renowned for its handloom industry. The town has a significant population engaged in handloom weaving, which has been a traditional occupation passed down through generations. This report aims to provide insights into the socio-economic conditions of handloom weavers in Siricilla.

Historical Background:

- The handloom industry in Siricilla has a rich history, dating back several centuries. It has been a source of livelihood for many families in the region and has contributed to the cultural heritage of the area.

Need for the study

- In India, handloom weavers are suffering many problems and are kept in continuous losses. Handloom weaving requires a lot of physical strength with long and patient hours of work i.e. 8-10 hours per day in various harmful positions on traditional looms.
- A research gap can be found regarding the socio-economic status of the handloom weavers in Telangana since its formation. The living standards of the weavers are very low. This present condition of co-operative handloom weavers in the state of Telangana with reference to Rajanna Siricilla District requires a detailed research in the problems confronting co-operative handloom weavers and by adopting necessary measures to plug the loopholes.

Objectives

1. To know the socio-economic conditions of co-operative handloom weavers in the Rajanna Siricilla District.
2. To know the problems of weavers at working sites.
3. To evaluate the existing status of co-operative handloom (weavers) sector in the district.
4. To suggest appropriate measures to increase the living standards of co-operative handloom weavers.

Current Socio-Economic Situation

a. Income Levels:

Many handloom weavers in Siricilla struggle to earn a sustainable income due to various factors such as fluctuating demand, competition from power looms, and lack of access to markets.

b. Working Conditions:

The working conditions for handloom weavers are often challenging, with long hours of labor under poor ergonomic conditions. Additionally, the lack of social security benefits exacerbates their vulnerability.

c. Education and Healthcare:

Access to education and healthcare services remains a challenge for many handloom weaving families, leading to intergenerational poverty and limited opportunities for socio-economic mobility.

d. Government Interventions:

While the government has implemented various schemes and initiatives to support handloom weavers, the effectiveness of these programs in improving their socio-economic conditions remains a subject of debate.

Challenges faced by handloom weavers

❖ Technological Obsolescence:

The advent of power looms has led to a decline in demand for handloom products, posing a threat to the livelihoods of traditional handloom weavers.

❖ Market Access:

Limited access to markets and unfair competition from cheaper mass-produced textiles further marginalize handloom weavers in Siricilla.

❖ Financial Instability:

Fluctuating prices of raw materials and finished products, coupled with irregular income streams, contribute to the financial instability of handloom weavers.

Opportunities for Improvement:

- a. **Skill Development:** Investing in skill development programs can enhance the competitiveness of handloom weavers and enable them to diversify their product range.

- b. **Market Linkages:**

Strengthening market linkages through cooperatives and e-commerce platforms can provide handloom weavers with access to a wider customer base and fairer prices for their products.

- c. **Financial Inclusion:**

Providing access to credit facilities and insurance schemes can help handloom weavers mitigate financial risks and invest in their businesses.

Conclusion:

- The socio-economic conditions of handloom weavers in Siricilla reflect a complex interplay of historical, structural, and systemic factors. While the handloom industry holds immense cultural significance and potential for economic development, concerted efforts are needed to address the challenges faced by handloom weavers and create an enabling environment for their sustainable livelihoods.

Recommendations for further Research

- Further research is needed to explore the impact of specific government interventions and private sector initiatives on the socio-economic conditions of handloom weavers in Siricilla. Additionally, longitudinal studies tracking changes in income levels, working conditions, and access to social services over time would provide valuable insights into the dynamics of the handloom industry in the region.
- This report provides a comprehensive overview of the socio-economic conditions of handloom weavers in Siricilla, serving as a foundation for further research and advocacy efforts aimed at promoting the welfare of this vulnerable community.

Reference:

Academic Journals:

- Journal of Development Economics
- Journal of Rural Studies

Books:

- "Handloom and Handicrafts of India" by Renu Rana

Government Reports and Publications:

- Reports from the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India
- Census data and reports from the Government of Telangana

NGO Reports and Publications:

- Reports from NGOs working in the field of handloom weaving and rural development in Telangana.

Online Databases and Websites

- Reports and publications from research institutes and think tanks focusing on rural development and textile industry

Interviews and Fieldwork:

- Conduct interviews with handloom weavers, cooperative societies, government officials, and experts in the field.
- Visit Siricilla to observe firsthand the working conditions and socio-economic status of handloom weavers .

[News Articles and Media:](#)

- Articles from newspapers and online news platforms covering issues related to handloom weaving in Siricilla and Telangana.