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An approach for management of fragile coastal edge integrating the marginalized community

This paper attempts to understand how vulnerable communities in the coastal edge is affected by the change in regulation and try to find a reasonable solution for their problem. Some 40% of the world's human population live not far from the coast, within about 100 kilometres of the shore, In India Around 60million people live in the Low altitude area. Which is an opportunity and at the same time a threat as well. This led to the development of settlements as well along the coastal edge throughout the world. Which resulted increasing the vulnerability of the coastal communities. Post 2011 tsunami CAG report suggested the state governments to regulate the coastal population and to maintain a safe distance from the sea as well.

Safe and secure shelter is one of the basic needs of human being. Right to Shelter has been recognised as a fundamental human right in many international treaties. The International Covenant of United Nations on economic, social and cultural rights, to which India is a signatory, upholds the right to adequate housing as a human right. Article 21 of the Constitution of India which defines the protection of life and personal property encompasses the right to shelter and right to livelihood also which are integral to the dignified living of the individual. So this paper try to address the issues of a coastal community which is ecologically vulnerable and undergoing development pressure during pro development, change in regulation.

For this I am taking Calicut West hill beach area as a case. And the communities living nearby.

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