

Trends in Arrivals and Prices of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) in High Altitude and Tribal (HAT) Zone of Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT

An attempt has been made to study the trends in arrivals and prices of six selected Minor Forest Products Honey, Hill Broom (*Thysanolaena maxima*), Myrobalan (*Terminalia chebula*), Marking Nut (*Semecarpus anacardium*), Naramamidi bark (*Litsea deccanensis*) and Seeded Tamarind (*Tamarindus indica*) of five divisions @ Paderu, Chintapalli, Parvathipuram, Seetampeta and Rampachodvaram of HAT zone in Andhra Pradesh for the period of 2005 – 2019. The secondary data was collected from Girijan Cooperative Corporation (GCC). Compound growth rate (CGR) technique was adapted to estimate the annual CGR of arrivals and prices of MFPs. Results of the study indicated that CGRs for prices of all selected MFPs showed increasing trend at 1 per cent level significance, except for Naramamidi bark in Rampachodavaram Parvathipuram and Seetampeta divisions. However, it is to say that market arrivals of all selected MFPs showed significant declining trends across the selected divisions, except for Honey in Chintapalli division with 3.49 per cent and Parvathipuram division with 5.46 per cent, Hill Broom with 1.41 per cent and myrobalan with 10.18 per cent in Seetampeta division showed increasing trend at significant at 1 per cent level.

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