

# **Constraint Analysis of Small Farmers in Agriculture in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Small scale farmers accounting to an approximate no. of 13.43 lakhs which constitute the vast majority of farmers in Andhra Pradesh are in deep crunch disrupting their livelihoods over a prolonged period of time. A farm study has been conducted in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh to analyze the socio economic conditions and assess the different categories of identified constraints faced by small farmers like agro – ecological constraints, technical constraints, socio – economic constraints, market related constraints and family related constraints. These constraints were analysed using Garrett's ranking method. Some of the major challenges reported by sample farmers include dependence on monsoon, labour scarcity and high labour charges, high input costs, price fluctuations and education.

**Key words :** Constraints, Labour scarcity, Price fluctuations, Small farmers.