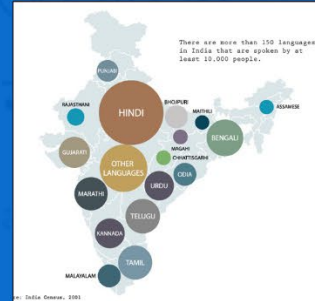


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DIASPORA EXPRESSION OF INTERSTATE MIGRANT STUDENTS: A SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT ANALYSIS

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Abstract

Diaspora is defined as the practice of spreading from one original country to different other parts of the world or the group of people who has occupied this practice. The term first used to refer the Greeks in the Hellenic world and Jews living outside Israel. Later the term came into the general use to refer migrants from one place spread around the world. Internal Diaspora is an emerging concept in the field of migration research. The term used to refer different ideas. The term 'Interstate Diaspora' is here used to refer to the intercultural experience of interstate migrants in India. Interstate migrants are those who migrated from one state to another for different purposes such as job, business, education, marriage, etc. Student migration is a major form of migration practices. Parvati Raghuram considers student migration as a distinct form as knowledge being the motivation and rationale for migration. Social media has been a space of cultural expression since its inception. Migrants largely use social media to express their migratory experiences in terms of food, culture, politics, etc. In the current paper, the researcher analyzes the expression of diaspora by students from Kerala who are studying in other states and union territories across India. According to S IrudayaRajan, 33.1% of the total migration from Kerala goes to student migration. It is important to investigate their expression of diaspora through social media.

The study will employ thematic content analysis to find out the various directions of diaspora expression by interstate migrant students.

Keywords: Diaspora, student migration, interstate, expression, social media, Kerala

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