

Title of the Paper:

Mediating with Failure: Dynamics of School Education and Migration in rural Bastar

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For the last ten years, Iruhnar- an Adivasi village in rural Bastar has been witnessing the migration of male adolescents- youth who are school dropouts or failed in the class X board examinations. This new form of migration has become an annual affair- every year, in May-June, adolescents and young boys migrate to South India. In the next seven to eight months, they work as a wage labourer on Borewell drilling machine truck and return to the village in February- March next year. Drawing data from the ethnographic field study conducted between March 2017 to June 2019 in one of the Muria Adivasi villages in rural Bastar, in this paper I am trying to explore context specific sociological considerations and subjectivities that drive adolescent migration from the migrant worker's perspective. The paper attempts to elucidate how the emerging contradiction between schooling and new aspiration of life mediate in the form of migration in Iruhnar.

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