



**GENERAL LANDUSE PATTERN IN KHODASHI DAM
COMMAND AREA IN KARAD TAHSIL OF SATARA
DISTRICT (MAHARASHTRA)**

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ABSTRACT:

Present research paper looks into the general landuse pattern in Khodashi Dam of Karad tehsil, Satara district. The land use pattern for present study means the proportion of area under different land use at a point of time. Land use pattern is invariably determined by physico-socio-economic and organizational factors. The land utilization has acquired a special significance in the region, where agriculture is predominant occupation. The study area includes 14 villages namely Saidapur, Govare, Sayapur, Tembhu, Koregaon, Karve, Wadgaon, Kodoli, Dushere, Shere, Gondi, Julewadi, Khubi and Rethare BK. which falls in Krishna canal command area. The data thus collected through primary and secondary sources.

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INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of the present paper is to describe and analyse the general land use pattern in Khodashi Dam Area in Karad Tahsil of Satara District. It indicates how intensively the net sown area is being utilized for various crops. Land use is a geographical concept since it involves specific area. The land use study in its spatial context is essential to understand the regional zonation of the areas of optimum land use, degraded areas etc. (Shinde; etal-1986). The land use pattern for present study means the proportion of area under different land use at a point of time. Land use is an important aspect of graphical studies particularly relevant to agricultural geography (Symons, 1970). The importance of the such studies is increasing with continuous increase in population, because to get the best out of land, the diversity of topography and soil should be studied carefully in order to put land to the most agricultural use and the development