



Village Study of Nallur

District: Krishnagiri

Block: Veppanapalli

Panchayat: Halekundani

Snapshot of Nallur Village



- Nallur means *Nal* (paddy) & *lur* (village)
- Famous for silk cocoons & cow milk
- Recurring water shortage, average rainfall 450 mm
- Salem mangoes grown in Krishnagiri
- Salem bifurcated into Dharmapuri in 1980s
- Dharmapuri bifurcated into Krishangiri in 2004

History



- Part of Chola, Hoysala & Mysore empires
- Tribal Kurubas original dwellers, now SCs
- 18th century immigration of other tri-state castes
- Grazing pastures major migration motivation
- Mysore king granted settlers permanent *patta*

Geography



- Largest hamlet in Halekundani panchayat, 895 m above sea level
- 55 km West from District HQ Krishnagiri, 309 km from Chennai
- Nallur pincode 635121; telephone STD code 04344
- Nearby panchayats: Shoolagiri, Badhimadugu, Theertham, Kuriyanapalli, Ipiganapalli
- Nearby Cities: Bangalore (34 km), Malur, Kolar (63 km)
- Dominated by red soil, rocky terrain, average rainfall 450 mm



RESOURCE MAP

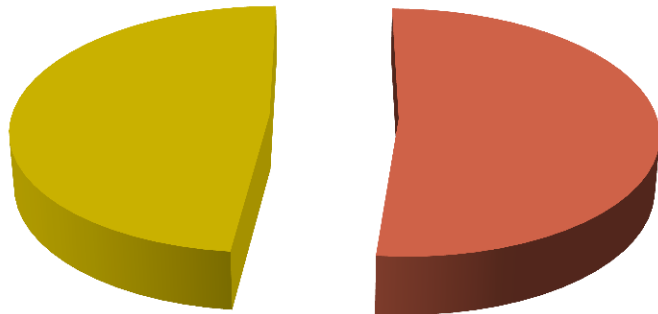


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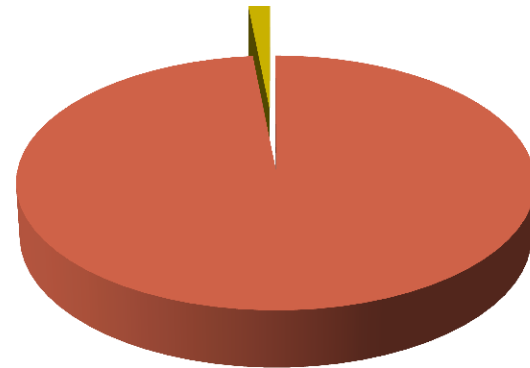
- 95% population is MBC & same Vanniyar caste
- Population: 1,178 (2014)
- Sex Ratio: 934

Gender Distribution



■ Men
■ Women

Household Distribution by Caste



■ Most Backward Class (318)
■ Scheduled Caste (5)

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EDUCATION

- ◉ Literacy Rate (2014):
 - Overall: 72%
 - Men: 76%
 - Women: 67%
- ◉ Higher enrolment of girls in primary school
- ◉ Best primary & middle school performance in Block
- ◉ Activity-based Learning teaching method
- ◉ Distance & financial cost major hurdles

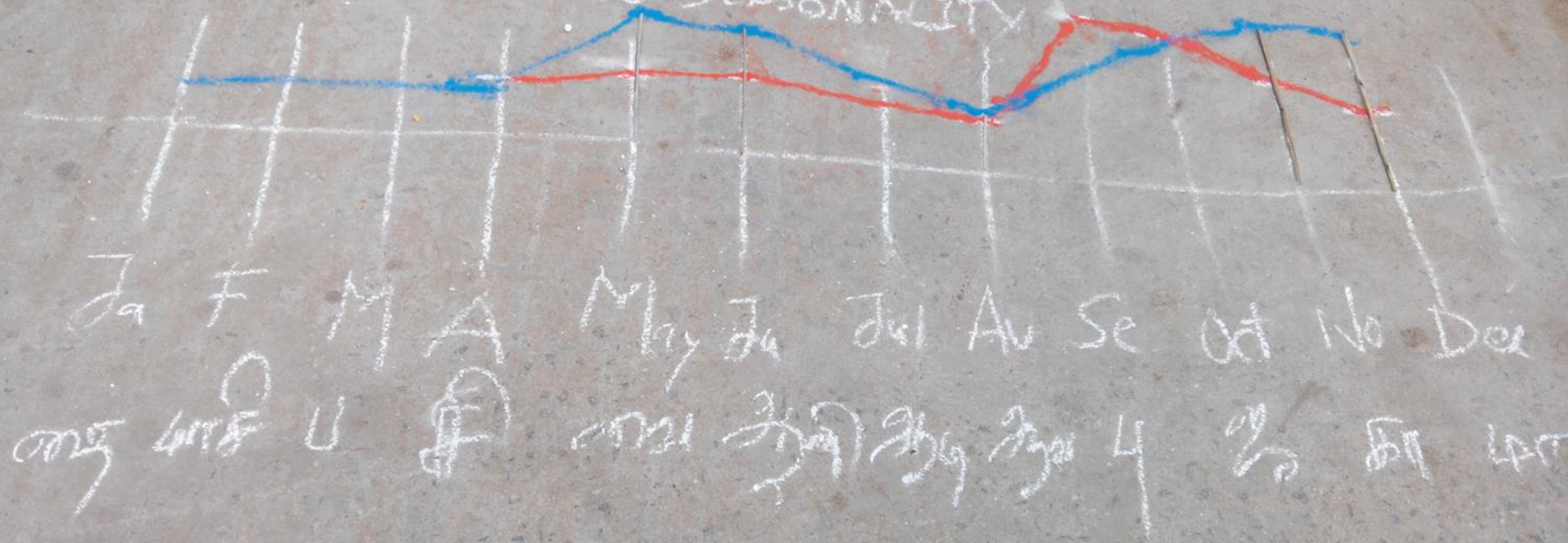
Health

- Common diseases
 - Viral Fever, Tuberculosis, Typhoid, Cold
- Most disease-prone months
 - October, November, December (N.E. Monsoon)
- 52 cases of HIV reported till date
- 98.4% immunization coverage
- Women undergo sterilization exclusively
- Adequate & regular supply of medicines

Livelihood

- ❑ Major occupations:
 - Milch cattle rearing, silkworm rearing, mango plantation, agriculture
 - ❑ Major crops – ragi, mulberry, paddy
 - ❑ Highly seasonal earnings: April, May, June leanest
 - ❑ 20% families landless; 43% families owning ≤ 1 acre farmland
 - ❑ All 36 women-headed families BPL
 - ❑ Adequate calorie intake: 20 kg or 35 kg free rice/month
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NALLUR RAINFALL VILLAGE WAGE SEASONALITY



PRIs

- Gram Sabha meetings: minimum 4 / year
- Panchayat meetings: minimum 1 / month
- Voter turnout: 86% (2011 election)
- No SC representative
- No woman elected in general seat ever
 - 3 women in 10-member panchayat via reservation
- Major expenditures
 - water projects, drainage repair

Achievements

- MGNREGA Assets
 - ▣ Percolation tank, bore well water storage tank
- Watershed Development via DPAP
 - ▣ Recharged ground water table
 - ▣ Raised avg. ragi yield 17% to 1.4 tons/acre
- Zero drop-out rate in primary & middle school
- SHG Groups
 - ▣ 87% groups exclusively for women
 - ▣ Bulk loans from banks for cattle, tools, construction

Lessons Learnt about Rural Life



- Peaceful coexistence of different communities
- Monopolization of information
- Optimal utilization of scarce resources
- Major reliance on subsistence farming methods
- Women more active via SHGs than other avenues
- Greater gender equity in early years
- Dynastic tendency evident in village politics

Experience of PLA Tools



Team

- Catalyzed people's participation
- Neutralized differences of language, age, background
- Learnt by observing, listening & building rapport
- Channelized local ideas into realistic local solutions

People

- Helped better visualize & analyze own resources
- Locals became 'experts', raised their self-confidence
- More self-reliance & entrepreneurship for local solutions

Issues

- ❑ Perennial scarcity of irrigation water
- ❑ Highly seasonal & unpredictable earnings
- ❑ Lack of alternate employment avenues
- ❑ Low value addition in existing income sources
- ❑ Crucial posts in govt. institutions remain unfilled
- ❑ Low rate of financial inclusion
- ❑ Lack of physical infrastructure for students
- ❑ Crop damage due to wild boar/deer attacks
- ❑ Lack of physical & electronic connectivity with political & commercial institutions

Action Plan - Administrative

- Silk weaving training for value addition
- Post office A/Cs cover only 20% HHs
 - Needs better infrastructure, building, staff etc.
- Raise awareness for micro-irrigation schemes
- Separate toilets for girls in school via NBA
- Replace old PHC vehicle
- Recruit full-time lab technician for PHC

Action Plan - Administrative

- Resume mobile van & veterinary doctor rounds
- Fill sanctioned anganwadi cook post
- All-weather bus stop from MPLAD/MLACD etc.
- Recruit computer teacher for middle school
- Explore potential of MSME
 - Eg: SIPCOT auto parts, granite, Hosur rose factory

Action Plan - Local

- Build children's playground by clearing weed fields
- Raise fences of barbed wire or bamboo for farms
 - ▣ Reduce crop wastage due to boar/deer attacks
- Construct school compound wall via MGNREGA
- Start bus service for Gram Sabha meeting 11 km away
 - ▣ Ensure maximum attendance
- Create inter-panchayat job network for lean months
- Provide pending ration cards to 2 SC HHs urgently

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 - ▣ Panchayat Secretary Mr. Srinivasan
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- Krishnagiri District Administration
- MCR HRD Institute Administration
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