

# **VILLAGE STUDY**

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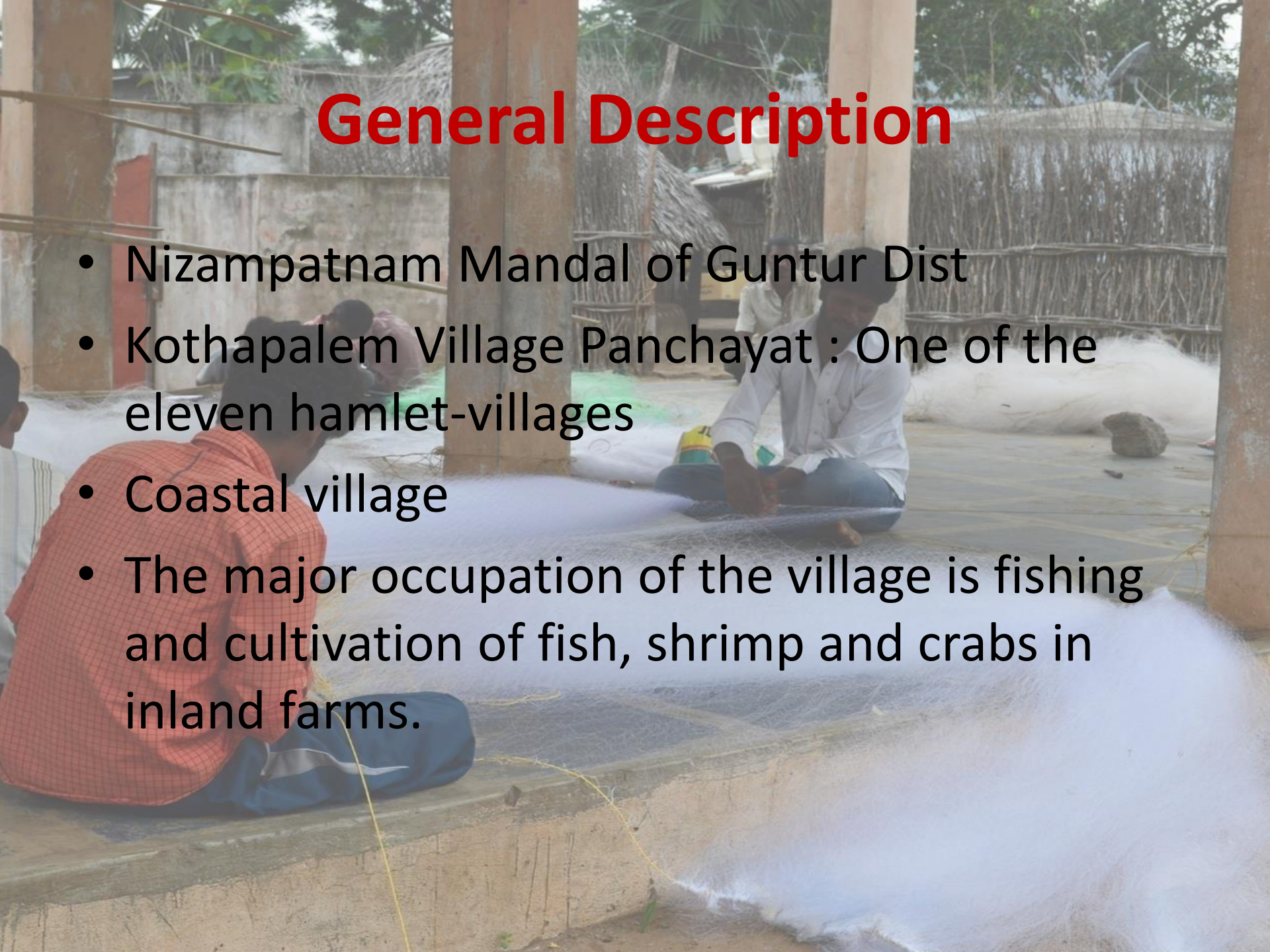
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# General Description

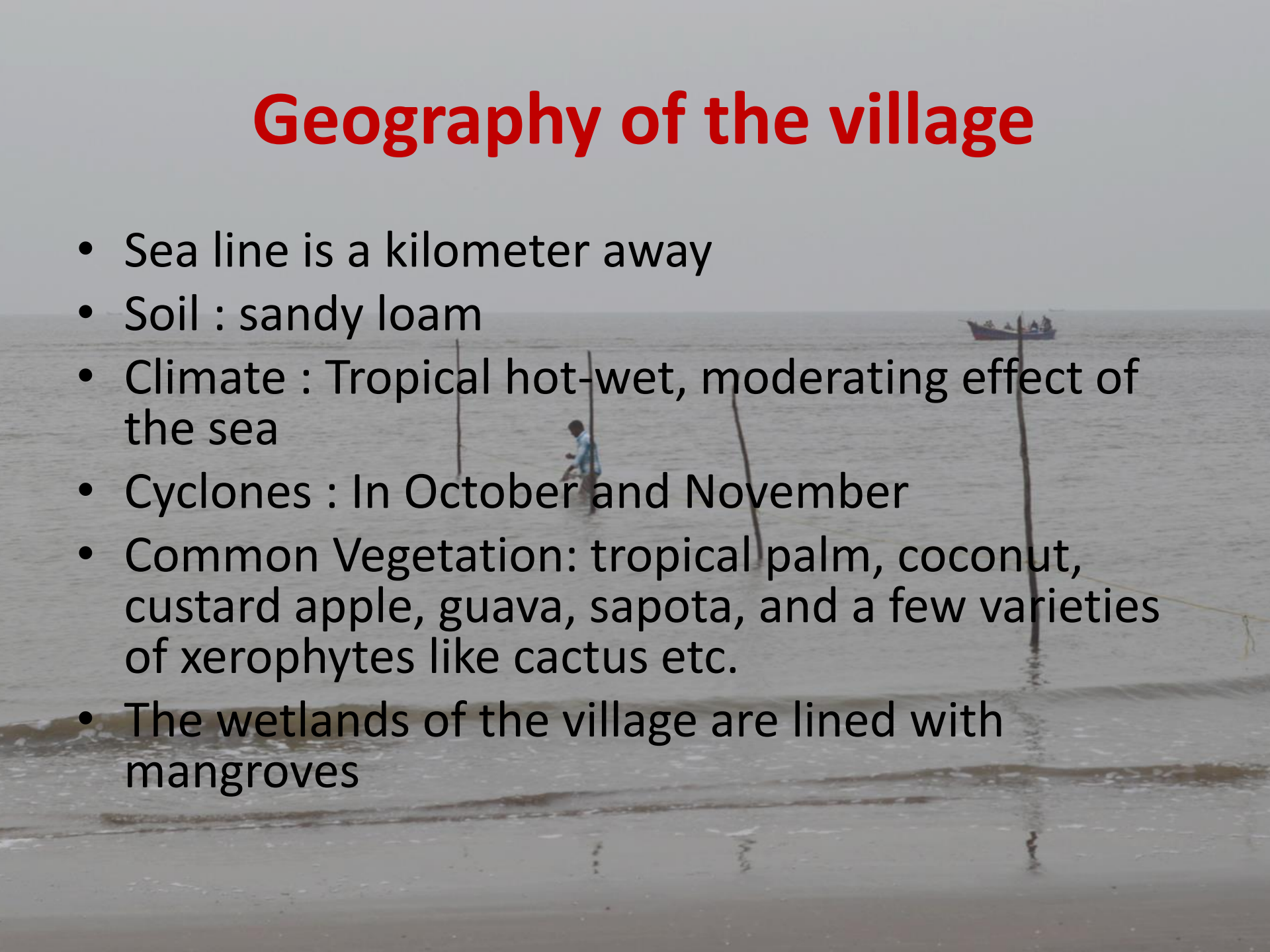
- Nizampatnam Mandal of Guntur Dist
- Kothapalem Village Panchayat : One of the eleven hamlet-villages
- Coastal village
- The major occupation of the village is fishing and cultivation of fish, shrimp and crabs in inland farms.





# Geography of the village

- Sea line is a kilometer away
- Soil : sandy loam
- Climate : Tropical hot-wet, moderating effect of the sea
- Cyclones : In October and November
- Common Vegetation: tropical palm, coconut, custard apple, guava, sapota, and a few varieties of xerophytes like cactus etc.
- The wetlands of the village are lined with mangroves



# Demography of the village

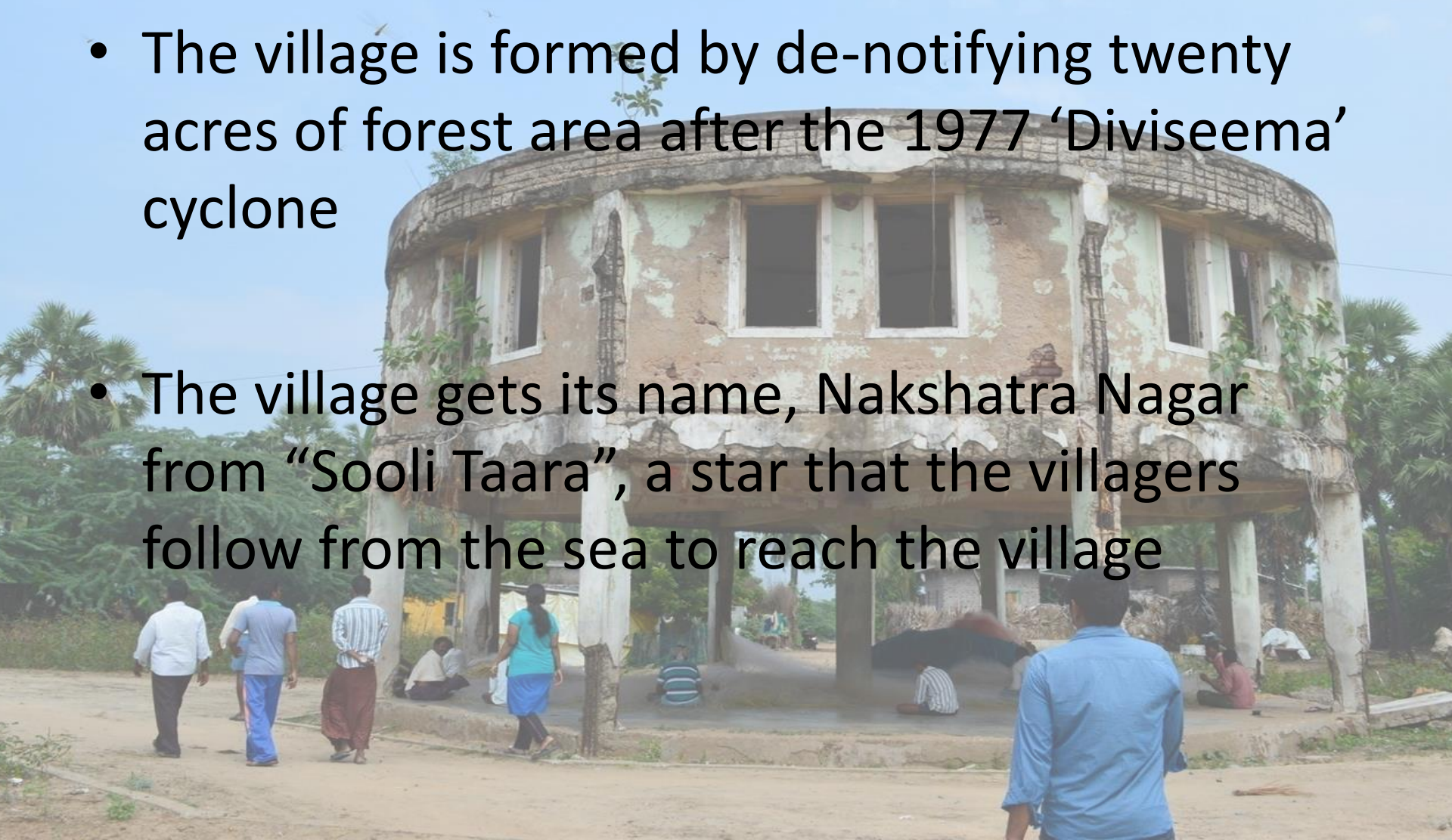
- No. of households: 274
- Total population: 956
- Total male population: 502
- Total female population: 454
- Total population in the age 0-6 years: 112
- Total literates: 537

Source : 2011 Census.



# Brief History of the village

- The village is formed by de-notifying twenty acres of forest area after the 1977 'Diviseema' cyclone
- The village gets its name, Nakshatra Nagar from "Sooli Taara", a star that the villagers follow from the sea to reach the village





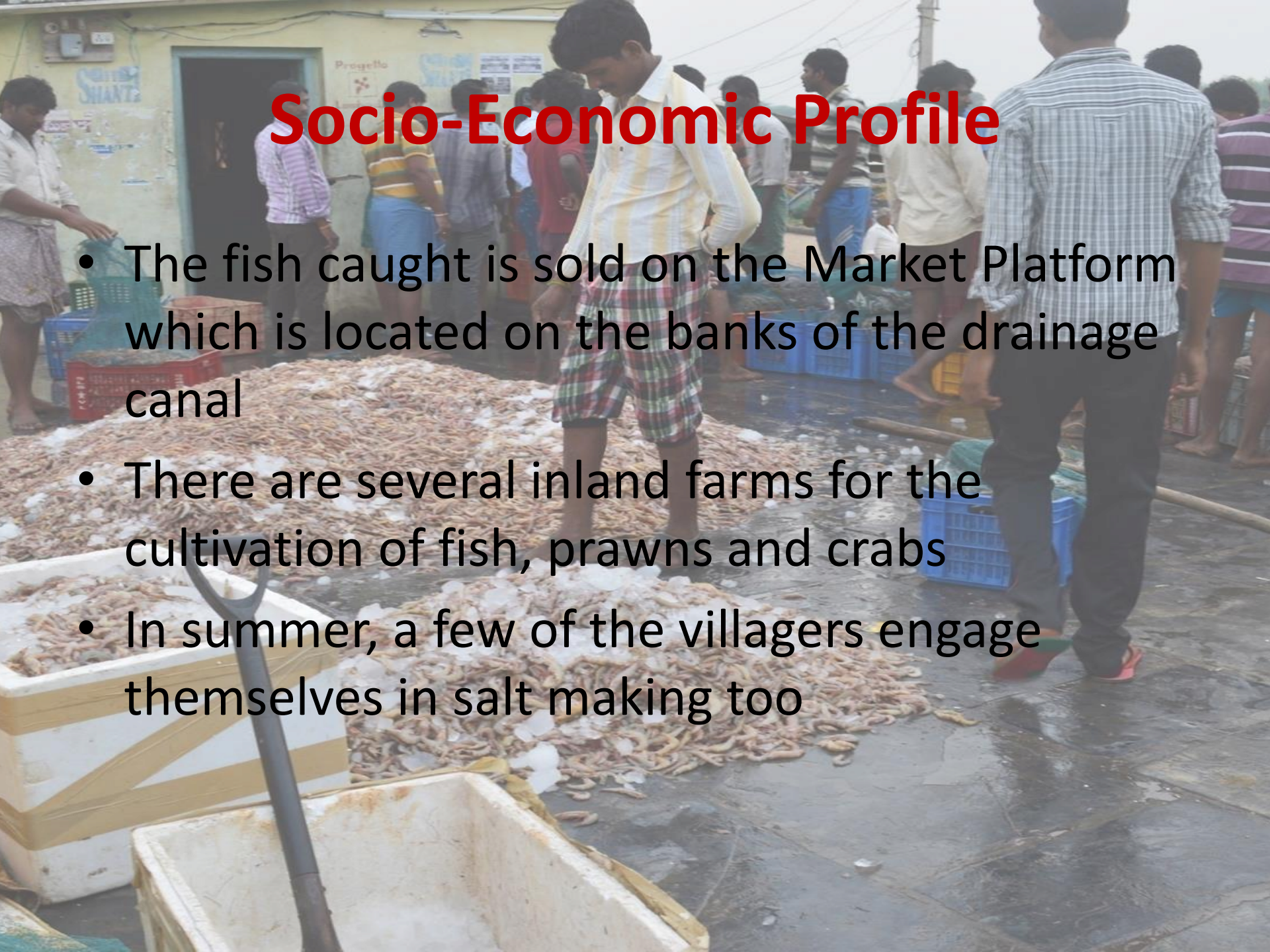
# Socio-Economic Profile

- The whole village belong to the same caste of Agnikula Kshatriyas of OBC category who have been traditionally occupied with fishing
- All the families of the village are involved in fishing and inland fish, prawn and crab cultivation
- Both men and women are involved
- Use of Motor Fishing Boats



# Socio-Economic Profile

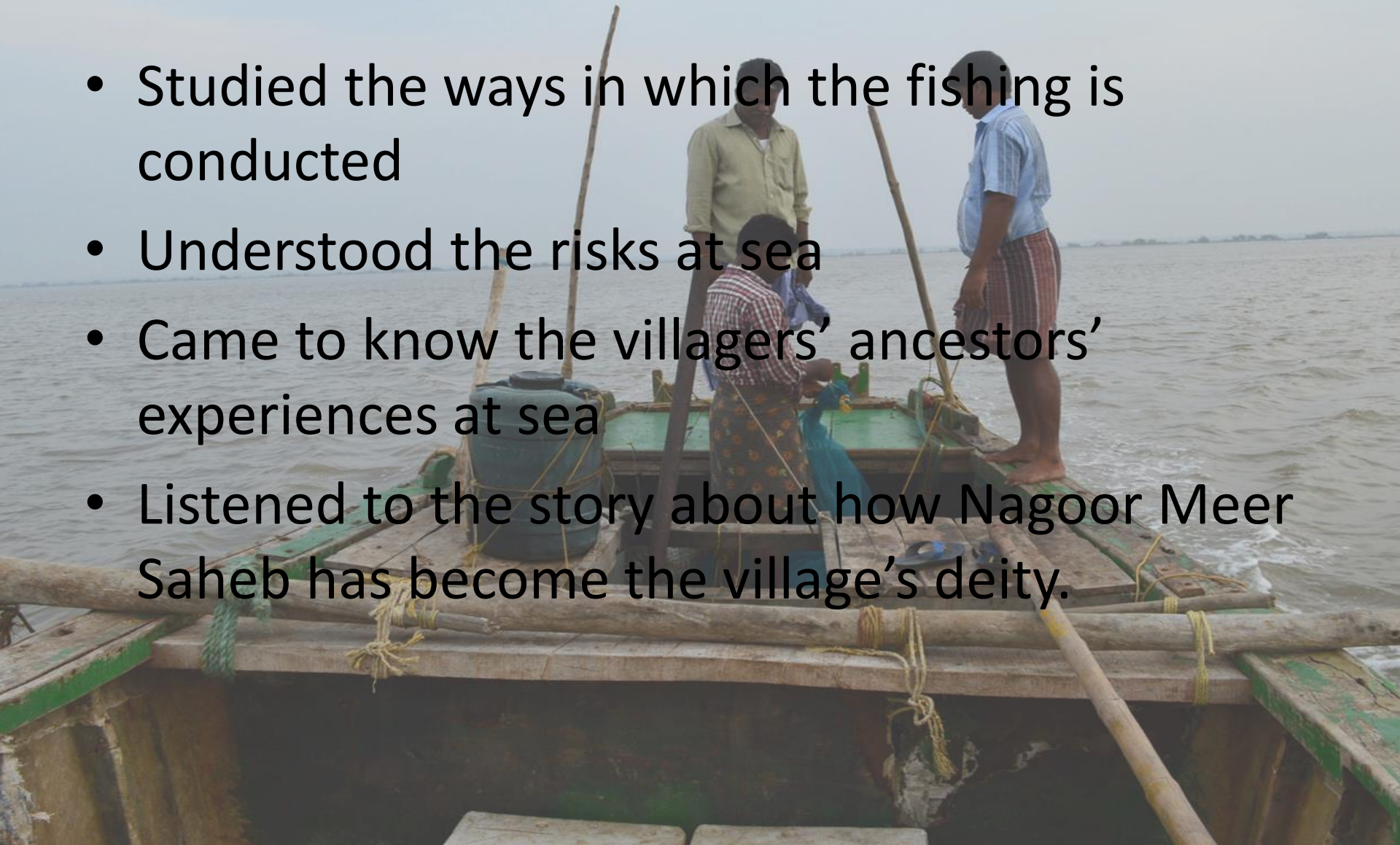
- The fish caught is sold on the Market Platform which is located on the banks of the drainage canal
- There are several inland farms for the cultivation of fish, prawns and crabs
- In summer, a few of the villagers engage themselves in salt making too





# Tools used: Transect Walk & Transect Sail

- Studied the ways in which the fishing is conducted
- Understood the risks at sea
- Came to know the villagers' ancestors' experiences at sea
- Listened to the story about how Nagoor Meer Saheb has become the village's deity.





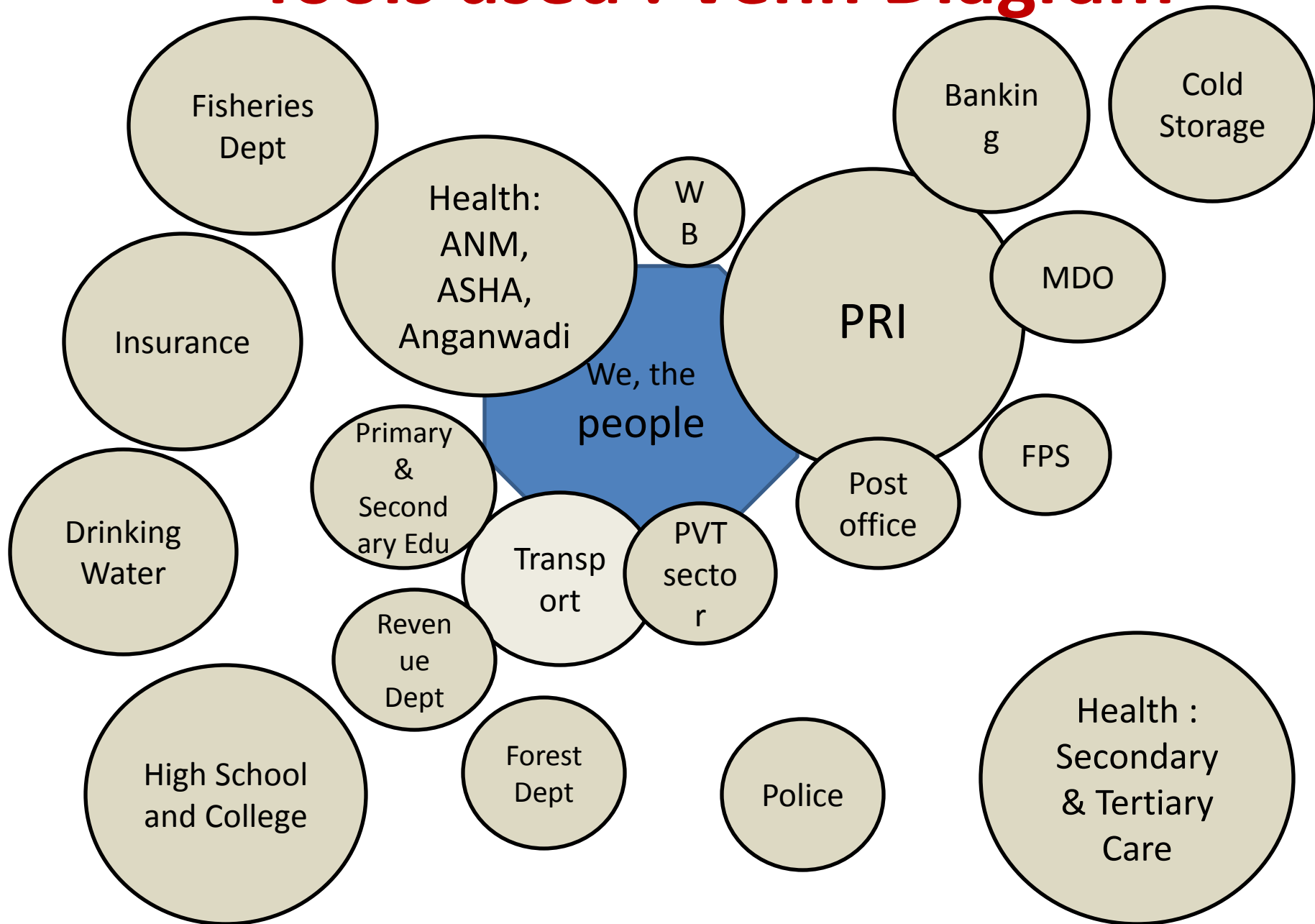
## Tools used : Resource & Social Map

- The villagers and the team got an idea about all the resources available to the village
- The feeling of unity while working together can be witnessed





# Tools used : Venn Diagram



# Infrastructure and Institutions

- **The Village Panchayat Office:** located in the Kothapalem village, three kilometres away.
- Upper-primary School
- Health sub-centre
- Anganwadi and Bala-badi
- Nutrition centre
- Fair Price Shop
- BC Hostel
- Cyclone Shelter
- Market
- Non-Governmental Organisations





# Livelihood: Causes of Poverty

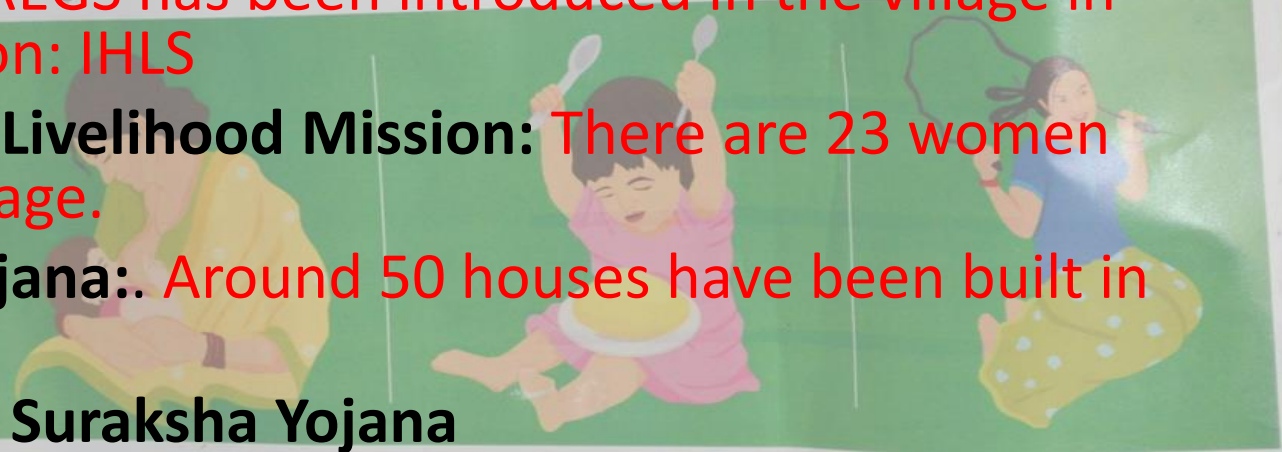
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1	Low catch of fish/ Low Income	8	7	7	8	30	I
2	Farmlessness	6	6	5	1	18	IV
3	Illiteracy	5	3	2	2	12	V
4	Unreachability of Govt benefits	7	4	6	5	22	III
5	Indebtedness	2	8	4	4	18	IV
6	Lack of high school education	1	2	3	3	9	VII
7	Illicit liquor	3	1	1	6	11	VI
8	Cyclones and other disasters	4	5	8	7	24	II

# Government Programmes

- **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Generation Scheme:** MGNREGS has been introduced in the village in 2008 : Sanitation: IHLS
- **National Rural Livelihood Mission:** There are 23 women SHGs in the village.
- **Indira Awaz Yojana:** Around 50 houses have been built in the village.
- **NRHM : Janani Suraksha Yojana**
- **Bangaru Talli**
- **ICDS**
- **Social Security Pensions:** Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indiramma Pensions Programme and Abhayahastam.



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# Women Participation

- Fishing and other economic activities
- 23 SHGs
- Panchayat : 50 % women but no real functioning





# Lessons learnt from rural life

- Appreciate simple ways of living
- Best use of the resources
- The 'we' feeling as the villagers have it
- Compassion for others
- Governmental functioning in reality



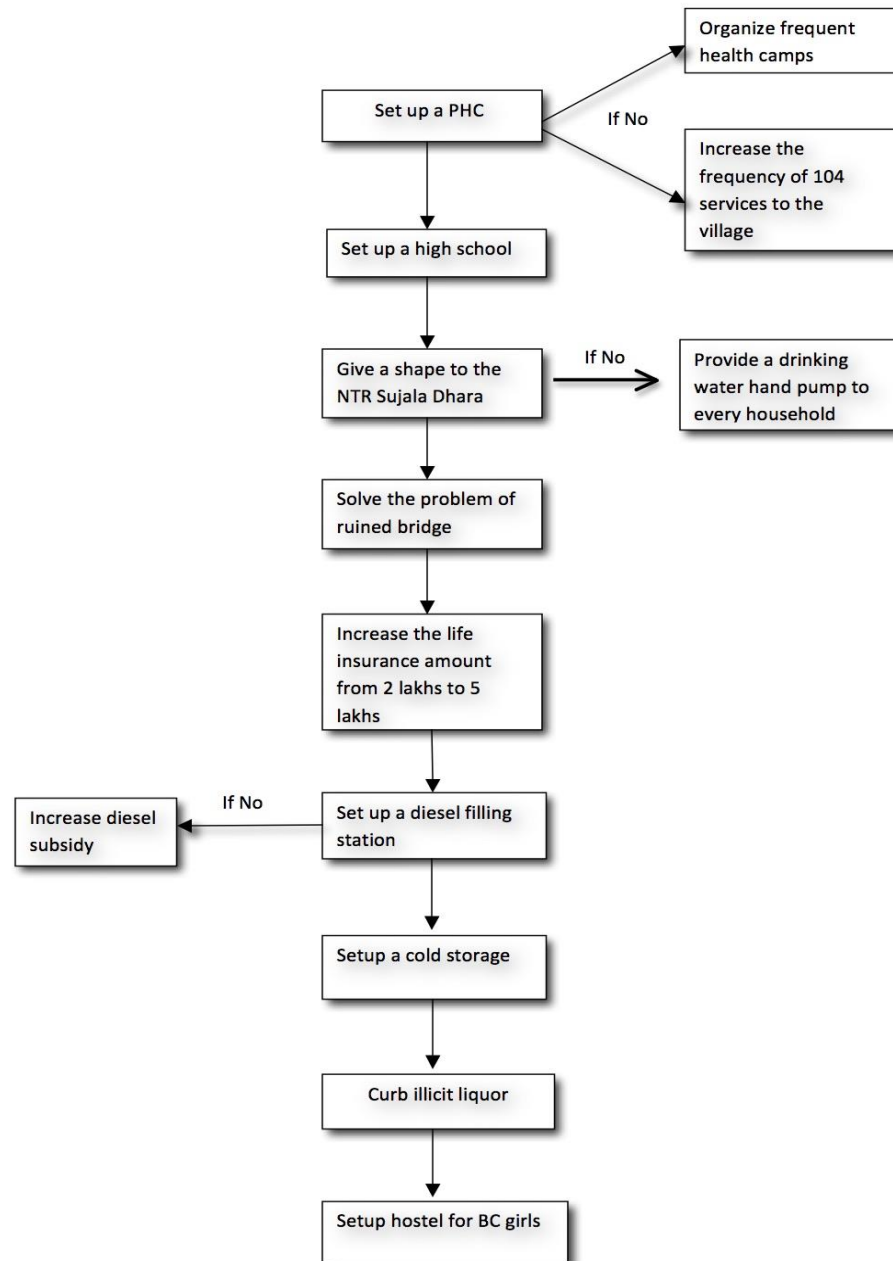


# ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE

- High school
- Clean drinking water
- Seasonal Fevers
- Diesel Filling Station
- Ruined Bridge
- Insurance
- Notified Forest Area
- Cold Storage
- Illicit Liquor



# Solutions & Action Plan





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