Development of human resources in drought prone area of Bijapur district is the matter of concern to social scientists including population geographers. There is an uneven growth and concentration of population in different talukas of Bijapur district. The pressure of population on land and its resources, has posed an array of problems of economic, social and political concern. The geographer is naturally involved in dealing with the problems in the study region and their inhabitants.

The present study is an attempt to assess "Development of Human resources in drought prone area of Bijapur district, from 1951 to 1991. The main objectives are -

1) To study the growth, density and distribution of population.
2) To study the occupational structure, literacy, age and sex composition of Bijapur district.
3) To write a demographic account of single village : Kuligeri (Badami district).
4) To write meaningful findings to solve problems of population in Bijapur district.

The main source of data for analysis is from census volume of 1951 to 1991 and other sources. I have also collected a lot of literature from Bangalore University Library and Population and Economic Research Centre, Bangalore.
The methodology adopted is based on simple statistical analysis and application of potential model. The maps and diagram drawn have helped the researcher to explain spatio-temporal variations of population data. The field work method is exhibited in the dissertation by way of writing a demographic account on Kuligeri village (Badami taluk).

Bijapur district in the northern part of the State falls in the northern maidan of Karnataka. Bijapur district is selected as a study area because of its geographical vastness (first ranking in spatial size among 25 districts of Karnataka), rich soil resources and frequent effects of droughts.

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