

**Explorations in Social Change: Towards an integrated paradigm.
(A study of 'Sarola Kasar').**

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The present exploratory study done in village Sarola Kasar of Ahmednagar district, change is studied through parameters such as education, income level, caste composition and land holding pattern, credit facilities, status of women, health and sanitation.

Secondary and primary sources were used to collect data, using techniques such as questionnaires, interviews, focus group discussions and observations. Quantitative data was supported with qualitative data to give insight into understanding the nuances of the village life.

The study analyzes the problems that hamper the process of development of people, particularly the marginalized groups. It explores the existing employment pattern, the shifts, and its reasons, in context of caste and gender. It traces the advancement in education and the aspirations of the younger generation. It examines the cultural –religious life and practices of the villagers and the participation of different religious communities. Though a dominant agricultural area, the younger and educated population seems to be moving away from agriculture. Change process shows emerging nuances in power relationships.