

surrounding situations such as accessibility to towns. However, it is a notable finding that even in the study village, which is located only 3 km from a nearby town, land tenancy is still limited within the dominant caste community. The Patidars' "pride" will not be eroded so easily. The new phenomena, such as leasing family land under the 1/4 sharecropping arrangement and shifting to dairy farming, might be practical ways to satisfy both the Patidars' pride and the market requirement.

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