

## **EMERGING ISSUES OF AGRICULTURE IN DROUGHT PRONE REGION OF RAYALASEMA OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Rayalaseema is one of the three major geographical regions of Andhra Pradesh. The other two regions are Coastal Andhra and Telangana. The Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh comprises of four southern districts of Kurnool, Anantapur, Kadapa and Chittoor. The population of Rayalaseema region is 116.86 lakhs according to 2011 census. It accounts for 17.6 percent of total population of Andhra Pradesh (census of India, 2011). The region lies in between the north latitudes 12°30' and 16°20' and east longitudes 76°13' and 81°30' (**Rayalaseema lies in the extreme south of the state approximately between 12°37' - 14°8' north latitudes and 78°3' - 79°55' east longitudes**)

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