

# **A Bibliography on Marichjhapi Massacre in West Bengal**

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**Abstract:** The Marchjhapi incidents have significant influence in the socio-political environment of West Bengal. There has been several documented literature available in unstructured way. The available documents are not available in any single interface or literature in a systematic way. The paper deals with the bibliographic approach of the Marichjhapi Massacre in West Bengal. The attempt has been made to list the availability of the significant literatures on the topic. The paper attempt has been made to compile a bibliography on Marichjhapi massacre, which will be helpful for the researchers and academicians of different discipline. Google Scholar was used as the basic tool to retrieve the data significant finding also been given in the finding section which indicated that the literature got significant increase from 2001 onwards. The paper is expected to be helpful for the researchers to get access to the relevant documents of the field.

**Keywords:** Partition, Migration, Refugee, Refugee Resettlement, Marchjhapi, West Bengal

**Introduction:** The cosmopolitan politics is greatly influenced the socio cultural events of the society. There has been a varied incident across the country which significantly influenced the greater human values. Marichjhapi massacre was one such issue in the Bengal. It considered as the forcible uprooting of hundreds of Dalits who occupied legally protected reserve forest land on Marichjhapi Island in the Sundarbans, West Bengal. The retrospective effect has been phenomenal. There has been subsequent death of some due to gunfire by police and politically-aligned goondas, blockade and subsequent starvation, and disease. The death count was never confirmed. Official statistics put the deaths due to firing at two, but other sources put the total deaths between 50 and 100.

The significant incident has been in the political highlights till then but the availability of the real documented literature is rare indeed. Therefore the attempt has been made to compile several related and validated research in a single form through an annotated bibliography. This will not only help the researcher to get access to the relevant and important documents but also to keep the track of the documented debatable incident in West Bengal.

**Objective of the Study:** following are the basic objectives of the study:

- The main objective of this study is to trace out the relevant literature on Marichjhapi Massacre and arrange them in such a presentable form so that the researchers and academicians can get access to the documents easily.
- The paper also tried to find out significant findings based on the analysis of available literature.

**Importance of the Study:** The Marichjhapi incident has significant contribution of the refugee resettlement process of West Bengal. It has brought the political and social debate in the state. So the scholars from political science, history, sociology are keen to get access to the researches on the topic of Marichjhapi Massacre. Thus the effort is made to trace how far documented sources are available in the focused area.

**Methodology:** The paper mainly involves with the compilation of bibliography. The Google Scholar was used as the tool conducting the search. Mainly the keyword search mechanism in Google Scholar has been applied for document searching. Three keywords used in the keyword searches were “Marichjhapi”, “Marichjhapi Massacre” “Refugee resettlement in marichjhapi”. After search total 235, 170 and 180 documents have been retrieved from above search respectively. Search results are scanned individually and repeated works and fiction based works are excluded for the document list. To do this, Microsoft Excel used for data arrangement and shorting. Finally, the list has been finalized with all the unique records and the title has been searched for export the citation from Google scholar. In addition to Google Scholar, two famous indexing and abstracting database of the world Web of Science and Scopus were searched to find the related research documents. Finally bibliography has been compiled using American Psychological Association (APA) publication manual (6<sup>th</sup> edition), 2010 and finding has been given based on the analysis of the available data in Ms Excel sheet.

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**Findings of the Study:** Following are the basic findings of the study:

- Among the total papers almost 60 percent of the writings have been cited later which is very significant. From this it is understood that the publications on this subject have a border value in the field of research.
- Large portions of the papers (84%) have been written by single authors which indicated that in most cases collaboration has not been done properly. This can be considered as the lacuna.
- Year wise growth analysis of these papers on marichjhapi shows that the number of writings has increased significantly since 2000. In the last ten years i.e. from 2010, at

least 60 percent of the work has been published. This indicated that there is chance of having relationship of political change in West Bengal with this issue.

- Among the published source journal, 13 journals were found which is indexed in Journal Citation Report 2019 published by Web of Science group. This means that marichjhapi has been studied internationally and it is recognized in one of the best journals in the world.
- Among the publications there are some scholars from number of internationally renowned organizations which prove that although this issue got the international importance. West Bengal.
- The data shows that 20 publications are available in Google books form. Besides this it is also find out that 11 publications have been published by Taylor and Francis followed by Sage (6), Springer (5), Rutledge & Cambridge University Press (4). This tendency indicated that the foreign publishing houses are interested in publishing of localized topic which does have an international impact in nature.

**Conclusion:** From the above bibliography we have got some important information which is given below. Since 1980, there have been published numbers of good research articles on the phenomenon of Marichjhapi, which highlight the importance of the event. Among the published research papers, there are various types of journal articles, books, book chapter, reports. Research articles have been published from world famous and reputed publishing houses such as OUP, sage etc, which is very significant for the study. Marichjhapi massacre is an important event in the history of Indian politics, especially in terms of refugee and refugee resettlement. There has been a lot of research work on Marichjhapi massacre in the past and it is expected that such work will be done in the future as well. This work will be very useful for those who will work on this matter in the future.

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