



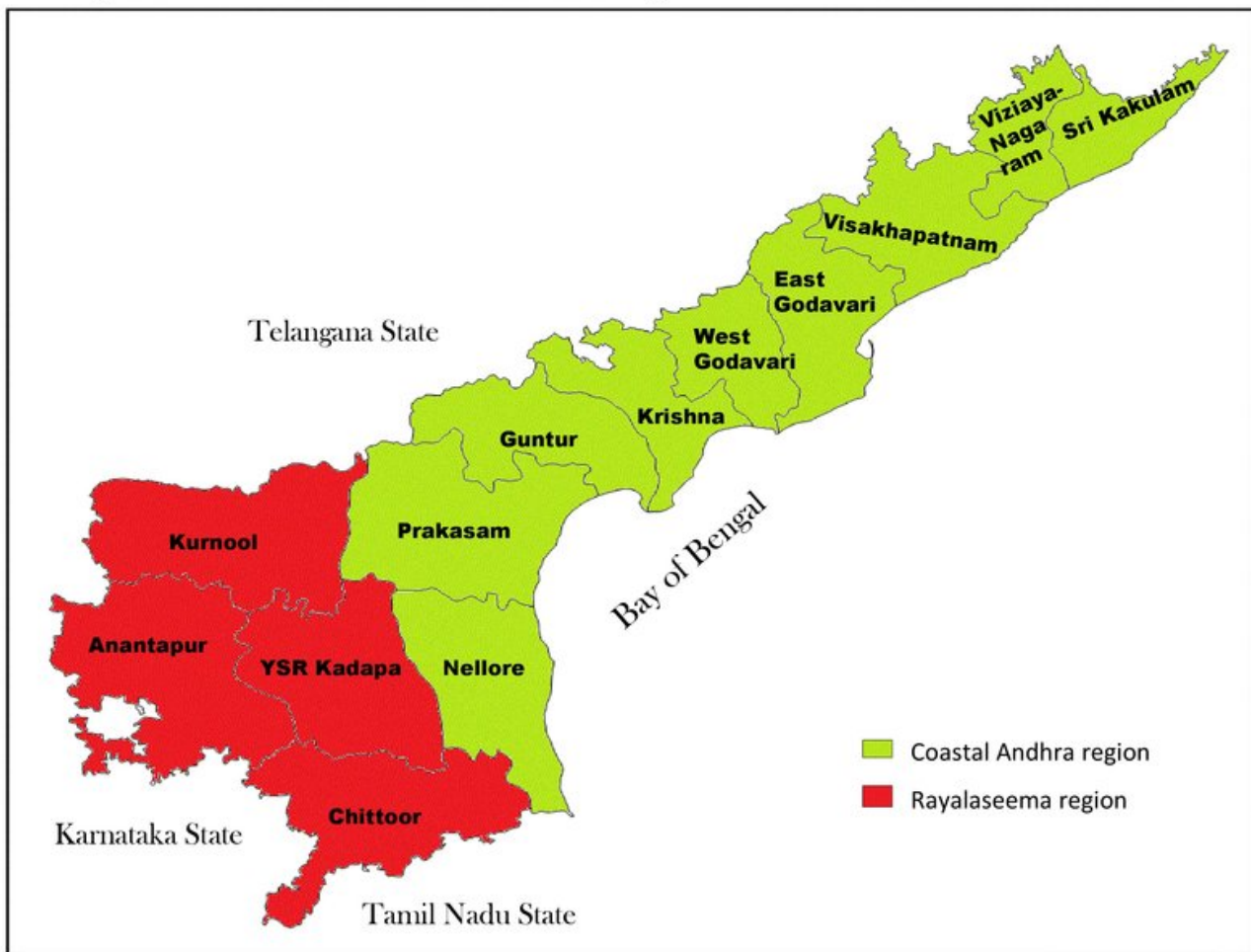
## Suggi Migration

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Every summer, thousands of families from **Rayalaseema, Andhra Pradesh** undertake seasonal migration, locally known as **Suggi**.

- **Causes for Suggi Migration:** Agriculture in Rayalaseema is **entirely dependent on monsoon rains** (June–September). **No secondary crop season** due to lack of water.
  - **Tanks and ponds dry up during summer**, leaving entire villages without drinking or irrigation water. **Failed borewells and lack of irrigation projects** worsen the crisis.
  - Lack of non-farm jobs compels rural workers to migrate. While [Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act \(MGNREGA\)](#) offers Rs 307/day in Kurnool, delayed payments make it unreliable.
    - In contrast, migrant work like chilli harvesting pays around Rs 1,000/day, making it a more attractive option.
  - **Suggi reflects a rural economy** trapped in **cycles of drought, underdevelopment, and migration**.
- **Solutions:** Irrigation infrastructure is seen as the key to breaking this cycle of seasonal distress. Experts suggest building a weir (low-head dam) to divert 50 thousand million cubic feet of **Krishna water to Rayalaseema**
- **Rayalaseema:** It is a **semi-arid zone** in southern Andhra Pradesh comprising Anantapur, Chittoor, Kadapa, and Kurnool districts. Rivers like **Penna and its tributary, the Papagni** flow through the region.

## Rayalaseema and Coastal Andhra regions of the Andhra Pradesh State



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