

# Land Use and Livelihood: A Research based on Thirukkural

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## Abstract

Thirukkural, composed two thousand years ago by the divine poet Thiruvalluvar and renowned as the world's common book of ethics, has a store of information pertaining to a number of matters. This work contains one thousand one hundred and thirty stanzas which include various topics such as politics, sociology, economics, geography, culture, environmental factors and the life styles of people. Thiruvalluvar has clearly portrayed the life styles of the people who lived in the society of his time. This article aims at bringing out the place assigned to land use and livelihood as revealed in Thirukkural. This is a discursive study based on secondary data. A number of literary reviews have also been made in relation to this research. Under land use, Thiruvalluvar has highlighted agricultural factors, while under the topic livelihood, he deals with fishing, afforestation and livestock rearing. It is worth noticing that the facts pointed out by Thiruvalluvar apply even to today's modern era. This article should serve as a guide to future researches on this subject.

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