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## Occupational aspiration of korku tribal farmers

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Occupational, Aspiration, Korku, Tribal farmers, Melghat, Schedule tribes **SUMMARY:** The present study was conducted in Chikhaldara tahsil of Amravati district of Maharashtra state. This tahsil occupied more hilly area and large population of korku tribal farmers. They faced lot of problems *viz.*, occupational, malnutrition, poverty, unemployment, exploitation, illiteracy and health problems. For minimizing their problems, their socio-economic status must be known. In study area 90 per cent people were korku tribal farmers. The objective of the study was to know the occupational aspiration of korku tribal farmers. A structured interview schedule was used to collect data from 80 respondents. The statistical methods and tests such as frequency, percentage, mean, standard deviation, co-efficient of correlation were used for the analysis of data. The result of the study showed that three-fourth 57.50 per cent of the respondents belonged to 'middle' age category, while majority of tribal farmers 38.75 per cent had illiterate category and 36.25 per cent having low level of family income upto Rs.-30,818/-. However, the observation also shows that, majority of the respondents 56.25 per cent had low social participation and 47.50 per cent had small size of land holding 1.01 to 2.0 ha. Majority of respondents 76.25 per cent had farming as a major occupation and the finding observed that, majority 82.50 per cent of the respondents was married while majority of the respondents 85.00 per cent had medium family size and 88.75 per cent had nuclear family type.

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