

South India Fertility Project –Karnataka

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Abstract : The first phase of the study has highlighted with the help of data the existing regional variations in health and demographic indicators in Karnataka. Fertility decline was faster in southern and coastal regions of the state, and at a tardy pace in the backward northern districts that were characterized by low literacy, low female age at marriage, poor health infrastructure and low status of women. In the second phase of the project, three village studies explored the variations in fertility patterns at the local level and among various socio-economic groups. ISEC has brought out the outcome of the study as a monograph entitled “Fertility Transition in Karnataka”(2004). The project reports, maps and other relevant information from this study can be accessed at the website: www.demographie.net/sifp/reports.