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**Article**    **Gender Dimensions of Migration in Kerala: Macro and Micro Evidence**

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**Abstract**    This paper is based on a large research project on "Migration from Kerala: social, economic and demographic consequences", undertaken by the Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, India. The major objectives of that study project included the measurement of emigration from Kerala and return migrants, and investigation of the impact of migration on Kerala's demographic transition and the elderly, women, employment, unemployment and several other economic aspects. This paper, which is concerned with the consequences of migration on Keralan women, concludes that the impact has resulted in a subtle transformation of Keralan wives from shy, dependent women into self-confident, autonomous household and community managers, with a status equal to that of any man in the neighbourhood.

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