

Issues In Rural Development

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Abstract

In India, 70% of population living in rural areas however too much discussion is taking place everywhere to build smart cities but there is less discussion to build rural areas smart and sustainable. Making rural development is very essential because it is aptly said about India that India lives in villages and now a days India is one of the rapidly urbanizing nations so it will also harmful to the urban area and migrated people too. The Government of India has launched number of schemes for development of rural areas. The rural India facing the major problems of housing, absence of infrastructure in villages and towns to village connectivity and absence of employment opportunities in villages. This paper is to focus on the major issues in rural development and also study how to overcome on it.

Keywords: Rural development, urbanization, agriculture, Infrastructure, Irrigation.

Introduction

Rural Development in India is the most important factors for the growth of the Indian economy. The future growth of Indian economy is in rural areas because urban places have almost reached to their development level. Due to urbanization, it is very essential to stop migration of people from rural to urban and sort out the issues relating to the development of rural area. Rural areas are still facing issues like poverty, low literacy rates, and lack of basic infrastructures like road, schools and hospitals. As a result, youth is migrating to urban areas in search of new opportunities. If rural areas are poor, India is poor. The Government of India is now focused on developing rural areas and creating more opportunities. They have introduced various schemes like DeenDayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushal Yojna, **Roshni: Skill Development Scheme for Tribals, Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojna, Antyodaya Anna Yojna (AAY), Heritage Development and Augmentation Yojna (HRIDAY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), and many more.**

Objective of the study

To study the major issues relating to rural development in India.

To study challenges in rural Area.

To suggest some remedial measure to rural development in India.

Research methodology

To conduct the research study descriptive research method has been used. For the purpose of the study secondary data is used. It is collected from the published books, research papers in journals, annual reports and website.

Major issues in rural development in India

Following are the major issues of rural development in India

Infrastructure Related Issue:

It is the major issue in rural development, rural infrastructure in the country, is crucial for agriculture, agro-industries, and poverty alleviation in rural areas. It includes rural roads, electricity, transport facilities, canal works for irrigation and drainage, rural housing, water supply, and telecommunication connectivity. Rural infrastructure must be self-sufficient for providing the basic amenities to people that can improve their quality of life and also can reduce the migration of people to urban areas for better facilities.

Employment Related Issue:

Unemployment is a big issue in India, especially in rural areas. Youth is migrating to urban areas to find jobs while the aged remain in rural areas. The amount of agricultural land is the same but the population is growing. With the increase in agriculture technology, we have seen a decreased rate of employment in the past few years.

Finance Related Issue:

In rural area rural credit agencies and its schemes have failed to meet the needs of the small and marginal farmers. Thus, lesser attention has been given on the credit needs of the needy farmers whereas the comparatively well-to-do farmers are getting more attention from the credit agencies for their better credit worthiness.

Education Related Issue:

There is a lack of educational resources in the rural regions in India. There is also a lack of infrastructure in the schools situated in rural areas no availability of benches, playgrounds, laboratories, washrooms or if present they are in the worst condition.

Sometimes the textbooks are not available in proper quantity. The availability of stationery is also a challenge. Many rural Indians don't have enough money to bear stationary charges and other expenses. here is also less availability of schools in rural regions. This challenge also aids in increasing drop-out student ratios in rural India.

Agriculture Related Issue:

There are increasing pressures from climate change, soil erosion and biodiversity loss and from consumers' changing tastes in food and concerns about how it is produced. And the natural world that farming works with plants, pests and diseases continue to pose their own challenges. Due to improper irrigation facility, farmer can produce one crop only in a year.

Fighting Against basic needs:

When individuals do not have any form of shelter or housing accommodation means homelessness. Such individuals are residing in temporary shelters, on the roadside, or congested living. Housing is the basic requirement, if people are homeless, they experience many problems in fulfilling requirements, quality, and standards of life are also reduced. Though the government is implementing many development programs to reduce the housing shortage in rural areas with the vision "Housing for All", due to a lack of proper interventions there is still mismanagement of supply and demand of the housing sector.

Marketing Related Issue:

In India the rural agricultural market is in bad condition, the inadequate and absence of good marketing facilities, the farmers have to depend upon local traders and middlemen for market and these people exploit farmers of rural areas. Storage facilities in rural areas are absent or inadequate under such conditions the agricultural products can't be stored for long durations so farmers are forced to sell their products immediately after the harvest at the prevailing market prices.

Conclusion

Eventually there are so many things are making hurdles between development in rural area. Such as Traditional way of thinking, Poor awareness, Division of land, Lack of expected awareness, knowledge, skill and attitude, Unwillingness to work in rural area, Unfavourable economic condition to adopt high-cost technology etc. are the major issue in rural development. before thinking about development, the government should focus on fulfilment of basic needs.

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